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'Housekeeping': city to officially kill casino deal

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

The West Sacramento is expected to officially lay a deal with a proposed Indian gaming casino to rest tonight. The casino project's backers have abandoned the proposal and allowed land purchase options to lapse at the project's Reed Avenue/I-80 site, following an unfavorable federal court decision blocking their attempt to place the property into trust for the Upper Lake Pomo Band of Indians.

"I'm relieved that we're at this point," said Oscar Villegas, member of West Sacramento's city council. "With all the progress we've made in West Sacramento, the last thing we need is a casino. We need to keep focusing on the library (expansion), a high school, parks and other things."

Tonight's agenda item is intended to allow the council to comply with a citizens' referendum filed in January of this year.

Last fall, a three-two majority of the city council (not including Villegas or Mayor Christopher Cabaldon) voted to make a municipal services deal with the proposed casino, outlining an exchange of city services for payments from the casino. The deal was made in the face of what some thought was an imminent federal court decision to allow the West Sacramento land into tribal trust.

Villegas helped lead a petition drive to overturn this council decision, and the drive succeeded in collecting the needed signatures, from more than ten percent of the voters of the city. The referendum forced the city to either toss out the casino deal or place it on the ballot for a public vote.

"In many ways, tonight's action is just a housekeeping action," said Villegas of the now-irrelevant casino deal. "We need to address it, or otherwise it will have to appear on the November, 2004 ballot."

Casino backers lost interest in the West Sacramento site after the court failed to rule in their favor, and are reportedly looking for a site elsewhere in California.

The property owners, a partnership including West Sacramento's Frank Ramos and Sacramento's Marvin "Buzz" Oates, continue to market the site for commercial development.

Stalking the Supernatural

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

BRIDGET DEMPSEY, with one of the tools from her ghost-investigating toolbox, a Geiger counter to measure radiation

Call the pest control guys if you have termites.

Call the cops if you have an unwanted stranger in your home.

And call Bridget Dempsey if you have ghosts.

Dempsey, 34, is the proprietor of GLO (Ghost Liberation Options), and runs her combination hobby-business out of the home she shares with her parents. Her new profession follows work as a coroner's office investigator in the Bay Area.

"I used to do this as a hobby," Dempsey explained of her ghost-chasing pursuits. "I'd go as part of a group late at night to the cemetery thinking 'It's okay, nothing serious is going to happen and if it does, there's safety in a group.' We'd take cameras, EMF (electromagnetic field) detectors and recording tapes just to see if we could get evidence."

Is she a believer in ghosts?

"I consider it more of a constant ongoing investigation," Dempsey explained. "I know there are things that can be explained and some that can't. I try not to be close-minded to one theory. We try to help. Somebody who's being haunted, whether it is from natural causes or not, it's haunting them."

Dempsey's hobby turned into a business when she found that people were calling her for help and asking for her services in dealing with troubles that seemed to be supernatural.

Sometimes she can find a physical reason for the disturbance.

"I had a friend who moved into a house and heard knocking frequently," said Dempsey. "It turned out to be knocking from the pipes."

Other times the events are truly spooky.

"One couple in a duplex had their bed banging up and down," Dempsey related. "They showed me. She'd lie down on it and it would start to jump. They weren't doing it. We pulled the bed apart and there was nothing. We even put a different bed in there."

The bumping wasn't coming from below, either, she said – the bedroom was at ground floor over a concrete foundation.

"And their little boy liked to talk to someone invisible and didn't like to sleep alone. They had an Islamic prayer read, and that seemed to help, until they were able to move."

Sometimes, "depending of if they have a religious preference," she directs clients to clergy to deal with what may be a troubled soul in a house. Other times, she offers advice of a more physical nature to address supernatural energy.

"We use pottery, for example," said Dempsey. "Ceramics placed around can help reduce EMFs. And vinegar keeps etheric energy from materializing. For example, I got a call that someone is starting to see shadows moving around the house. I gave the suggestion to say some blessings and leave some ceramics and vinegar out, and it seemed to help. She didn't have any more problems."

Dempsey said she has so far just received clients by "word of mouth" – about 10 or 20 calls in a year, and "sometimes they can be fixed through just a phone call and a little advice."

When called to a troubled place, said Dempsey, she first does her homework, looking for a cause somewhere in the home's history – past suicides, homicides, or just sensitive new residents.

"Once somebody gets to the point they're admitting they have a haunted house, they're really having a problem," Dempsey commented. "I like to research a house and see what has occurred. Sometimes, you have a place where suicide or homicide has occurred, and you have

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Child safe following Southport search

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

A multi-agency search for a missing child Monday ended peacefully – when it turned out the child wasn't missing at all.

"A PG&E worker called attention it after he saw people looking for a missing three year old," said Officer Amy Lawrence of the West Sacramento Police department.

Various law enforcement agencies commenced a search at the area southwest of the Jefferson Blvd. and Marshall Road intersection at around 1:30 p.m. Monday. Lawrence said officers were especially concerned because the area is rife with drainage canals.

But the child turned out to be safe in the custody of relatives.

City begins levee study

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's city council will be asked tonight to invest up to $175,000 for studies and design work related to adjusting the levee at the city-owned "East Riverfront" property north of the Tower Bridge. The levee work may be necessary to obtain state approval for future construction of a California governor's residence and state park on the site, if the city is allowed to follow through on plans to donate the property for those purposes.

The state's reclamation board has objected to the plan, which calls for the governor's mansion to be built above flood level, but outside the current levee. Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, though, said he felt that individual reclamation board members gave West Sacramento "positive signals" at an information-only meeting to discuss the levee plan last month.

Based on these signals, he said, he supports proceeding with the levee design work.

Cabaldon and the rest of the council – Oscar Villegas, Mark Montemayor, Bill Kristoff and Carolyn Castillo Pierson – will decide tonight whether to engage Kleinfelder and Northwest Hydraulic Consultants to perform analysis and engineering studies at the site.

A city staff report said that city officials have also had "encouraging" conversations with representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers about the proposal to move the levee. The Corps has jurisdiction over the levee.

The council meets at 7 p.m. in the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Avenue.

Fireworks show returns tomorrow

(Information courtesy of Art Schroeder, City of West Sacramento)

RECENT fireworks at Raley Field: precursor to West Sacramento's popular BridgeFest pyrotechnics, planned for Thursday evening

Photo by Barry Blacklaw

West Sacramento's free fireworks spectacular, "BridgeFest", returns for the seventh year on Thursday night. The prime viewing area is the 540-foot Daniel C. Palamidessi Bridge, connecting the north and south areas of the city. First held in 1997 to celebrate the bridge's completion, BridgeFest annually attracts the largest turnout of West Sacramento residents for any single event. The bridge will be closed to traffic at 6 p.m.

Spectators are requested to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. The fireworks will begin once the sky reaches maximum darkness, approximately at 9:30 p.m. Beforehand, food and beverages will be available for purchase at the base of the north end of the bridge, adjacent to the Port of Sacramento, beginning at 6 p.m.

Pre-fireworks entertainment will include performances by local dance groups and live music from members of the River City High School jazz band. In addition, an area will be set aside for a kid's zone.

Residents are reminded that it is illegal to possess and use fireworks in West Sacramento, including the so-called "safe and sane" variety.

The West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce is coordinating BridgeFest 2003. Other BridgeFest sponsors include Summit Commercial, Southport Business Park, Bridgeway Lakes, ASB Properties, First Northern Bank, PG&E, Raley's and Bel Air, Waste Management, Sacramento River Cats, West Sacramento Land Company, Wallace-Kuhl & Associates, River Bend Medical Associates, and Ramco Enterprises. For more information, call the Chamber at 371-7042.

Campbell gets 'interim' contract

By Steve Marschke
News-Ledger Editor

West Sacramento's school board members made formal the "interim superintendent" status of former Associate Superintendent Patrick Campbell official last week.

"We gave him an interim contract for as long as it takes us to find a superintendent, or until December of 2004, whichever comes first," said Washington Unified School District school board president Pat Flint.

Campbell will receive a $130,000 salary package plus a vehicle allowance and benefits, to start, according to a contract copy reviewed by the News-Ledger.

Flint said the board hasn't yet set in motion a strategy to hire a permanent new superintendent, although the board did begin taking public testimony on the subject at a meeting last week.

"First, we want to look at a new strategic plan, have a few public workshops and do a little bit of reorganization," said Flint. "One thing the public told us was to take our time and pick somebody to lead us into the future."

Former superintendent Stu Greenfeld has resigned for personal and health-related reasons, following two year's as the district's top manager.

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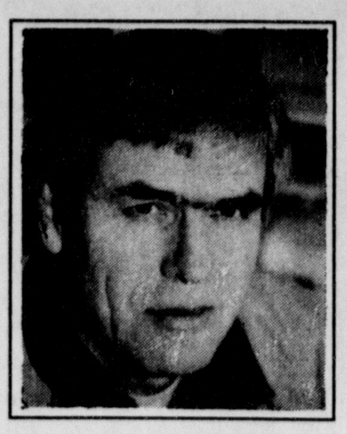

By Daryl Fisher

I was glancing at the headline news stories on the Internet the other morning when the following article suddenly popped up on the screen:

"Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The former Iraqi information minister, who gained notoriety during the war for wildly implausible claims of victory, showed up on Arab television today, his first appearance since the collapse of Saddam Hussein's regime. In an interview with the Al-Arabiya satellite network, Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf, better known by many in the West as "Baghdad Bob", claimed that he had surrendered to American forces, was questioned, and let go. In the interview, he appeared fit and wore civilian clothes, although he was thinner and his hair was white, a sharp change from his previous look of military fatigues and black hair tucked under a beret."

For those of you who may have missed his act, in the weeks and months leading up to America's most recent war with Iraq, Baghdad Bob bemused the West with his claims of improbable victories over coalition troops, and entertained Arabs throughout that part of the world with his daily insults directed towards Western military might. Fluent in both English and Arabic, Baghdad Bob held daily court and made himself famous in his part of the world by coming up with the following kind of comments:

"God will roast their stomachs in hell at the hands of the Iraqis."

"We will welcome them with bullets and shoes."

"We will push them back into the swamp."

"They are not even within a 100 miles of Baghdad (said of course while coalition troops were overrunning the Baghdad airport).

Anyway, as I read through the article, I was reminded of how ludicrous almost every word that had come out of Baghdad Bob's mouth had seemed to me and the entire Western world a few months ago, and I also recalled questioning how anyone with a brain in the Arab world could have believed a single word the man said. But the more I think about it, when it comes to the many unanswered questions still surrounding the war with Iraq (how many lives will be lost, how many years will our troops be there, how many hundreds of billions of dollars is it ultimately going to cost, whether or not Iraq was ever really an imminent threat to America, whether or not Iraq ever had any meaningful connection with al-Qaida (much less the events of September 11th), whether or not Iraq possessed great stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction and was feverishly working toward becoming a nuclear power, etc., etc.), it is becoming more and more obvious that the Arab-speaking nations of the world weren't the only ones being given misinformation by their respective medias, political leaders, and official spokesmen.

This I do know. Ever growing numbers of United States military personnel are dying in Iraq (even though major combat was officially declared over on May 1, 2003), and increased guerilla-style attacks and sabotage are greatly hindering U.S. efforts to re-establish order. Bandits continue to roam the after-dark streets of the country and saboteurs are attacking Baghdad's power grid, oil pipelines, and water supply, obviously hoping to make reconstruction under American and British rule as difficult as possible. Raw sewage is pouring into the Tigris River, hospitals that are secure enough to remain open are overflowing with patients, and Iraqi civilians are arming themselves to the teeth in an effort to protect the few possessions the looters haven't already taken away.

Writing in the June 9th issue of *The New Yorker* magazine, Hendrick Hertzberg wrote, "Baghdad, along with almost all the rest of Iraq, is a catastrophe. For that matter, conditions are disastrous even by the looser standards of places like Beirut, Bogota, and Bombay. Reports from the scene are in general agreement on the essentials. Iraq is well rid of the murderous regime of Saddam Hussein. But the blithe assumptions of the Iraq war's Pentagon architects -- that a grateful Iraqi nation, with a little help from American knowhow and Iraqi oil cash, would quickly pick itself up, dust itself off, and start all over again -- are as shattered as the buildings that used to house Saddam's favorite restaurants."

For someone who served in Vietnam and spent much of his tour of duty hoping and praying to survive the next ambush, my heart goes out to the thousands of young American men and women still in Iraq that our political leaders have put in harm's way without apparently seriously thinking through what was going to happen once the "shock and awe" was over. And if Vietnam proved anything, it was that America is no good at fighting a guerilla war and that there is little upside in trying to reshape others in our own image when they don't share our way of looking at the world and are determined to make us leave their land.

One begins to seriously wonder if our political leaders (past, present and future) are ever going to learn that when it comes to nation building, the nation we need to be pouring our blood and talents and treasure into is our own. And even more important, when will those we elect or appoint to high office ever finally figure out that no matter how rich and powerful America is, we can't make other people free -- they have to do that for themselves.

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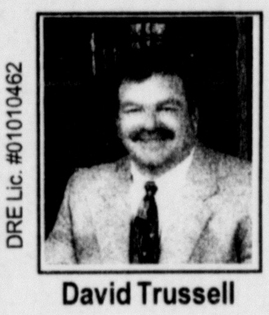

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Roy asks:

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Most of the time, loan officers (knowing they have this technology) will run your loan through the AU system without verifying the information. Many times, people go to the Internet, or interview a loan officer on the phone, and most all systems have the ability to run AU approvals. So, unknowingly, you may think your loan is going just fine. You are called to provide certain documentation, sign a bunch of forms, and again, you think all is going fine. But what is really happening is the loan officer, while gathering all your documentation, ordering the appraisal, and getting the preliminary title report via the title company, is processing your file to ship to a lender, where a human underwriter again underwrites it.

The days of a human actually underwriting your loan are long gone; their job has become to verify that everything is accurate. Then they run it again through the AU system. If credit, income, debt, reserves or a combination of other items were inputted inaccurately or plainly not correct at the original time of approval, there could be a problem.

So it is important while filling out anything on the Internet, or discussing yourself over the phone with a loan officer that you are accurate and complete with all the information you are asked. You can always tell you are dealing with a seasoned **mortgage consultant** because he/she will always ask you to provide all that **documentation first** before they will run your loan through any Automated Underwriting system.

Should you have any questions about your automated loan approval, or just general questions about loans, feel free to come into my office any time and we will go over it.

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Obituaries

Willie "Pop" Perrigo

Willie Perrigo passed away at home in West Sacramento at the age of 90 on June 26, 2003. He was the beloved husband of 68 years to Kathryn Perrigo; the loving father of Robert Perrigo, Richard (wife, Yvette) Perrigo, William (wife, Lessie) Perrigo, Irene (husband, Nels) Eklund, and Marvin (wife, Cathy) Perrigo; and the dear brother of Ruby Wilhite. He is also survived by numerous grand, great, and great-great grandchildren, and was preceded in death by seven brothers and one sister.

Mr. Perrigo was a native of Missouri, a 60-year resident of West Sacramento, and a 58-year member of ILWU Local #17. He fulfilled his lifelong dream of landing 40...50...130 pound halibut in Alaska and truly loved his family get-togethers. He will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him.

Friends are invited to attend a celebration of Mr. Perrigo's life on Wednesday, July 2,

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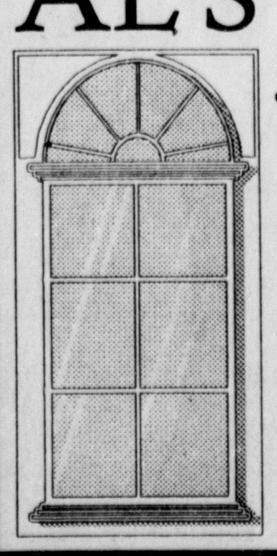

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SPORTS

Three River Cats players named AAA All Stars

The Pacific Coast League recently announced that three Sacramento River Cats players have been voted onto its roster for the 16th Annual Triple-A All-Star Game, which will be played on July 16th At AutoZone Park in Memphis, Tennessee. The three River Cats plays who will represent Sacramento in the game are first baseman Dave McCarty and pitchers Rich Harden and Justin Duchscherer.

"It is rare to have three players voted to play in the Triple-A All-Star Game," said River Cats Senior Vice President and General Manager Gary Arthur, "and it's a tribute to the quality of this year's club."

Harden, 21, is 8-2 with a 2.88 ERA; Duchscherer, 25, is 6-2 with a 2.49 ERA; and McCarty, 33, is batting .270 with 14 HR and 62 RBI in 79 games.

The Triple-A All-Star Game will feature the top Pacific Coast League prospects against those of the International League and will be broadcast nationally by ESPN2. The players were selected by the managers, general managers and media of their respective leagues.

Champs

The West Sacramento Little League Junior "Angels" recently won the 2003 Tournament of Champions. Pictured below are the following members of the team:

Bottom row: (left to right) Kenny Leash, Matt Richardson, Matt Varner, Greg Jorrin, Matt Federighi, & Wesley Paige.

Top row: (left to right) Kevin Beck, Cody Blevins, Monte Colen, William Sagadin, Thomas Soutiea, & Cody Simpson.

The manger of the Angels is Hollis Blevins, and the coaches are Bill Sagadin and Matt Gomez.

Making time

BRADLEY SHARE (above), competing in the age 11-12 division, was one of the West Sacramento Dolphins participating in a meet against the Manor Rec Minnows on Saturday. The Dolphins prevailed, with a team point victory of 457-295. Next Dolphin meet is at River City High on July 12 against the Galt Gators, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Free admission. *Photo by Barry Blacklaw*

The sense of humor is the oil of life's engine. Without it, the machinery creaks and groans. No lot is so hard, no aspect of things is so grim, but it relaxes before a hearty laugh.
—George S. Merriam

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Every heart that has beat strong and cheerfully has left a hopeful impulse behind it in the world, and bettered the tradition of mankind.
—Robert Louis Stevenson

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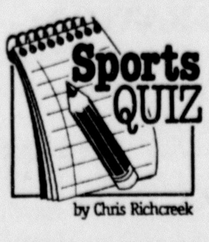
2003 at 10 a.m. in the River Cities Funeral Chapel in West Sacramento. Private interment will be in Monument Hill Memorial Park in Woodland.

Richard A. Harrison

Richard Harrison passed away in West Sacramento at the age of 64 on June 26, 2003. He was the beloved husband of Joyce E. Harrison; the dear father of James R., Karen B., and Shawn C. Harrison, all of West Sacramento; and the loving son of Myrtle C. Walker of Yuma, Arizona. He was preceded in death by his father, James H. Harrison. He was also the devoted grandfather of five.

Richard was a native of San Francisco and resided in West Sacramento for 33 years. Private inurnment. Arrangements by River Cities Funeral Chapel.



1. When was the last time that the Philadelphia Phillies posted back-to-back winning seasons?
2. Who was the first player to pass the 40-homer mark for a season three times as a member of the Cleveland Indians?
3. Which receiver was the fastest in NFL history to reach 600 career receptions?
4. Against what school did Bob Knight record his first collegiate basketball coaching victory?
5. Before 2003 (Anaheim), when was the last time the NHL's Western Conference was represented in the Stanley Cup Finals by a team other than Colorado, Dallas or Detroit?
6. Who was the first gymnast inducted into the International Women's Sports Hall of Fame in 1982?
7. Between 1978 and 1980, golfer Tom Watson won the same well-known event three consecutive years. Which one was it?

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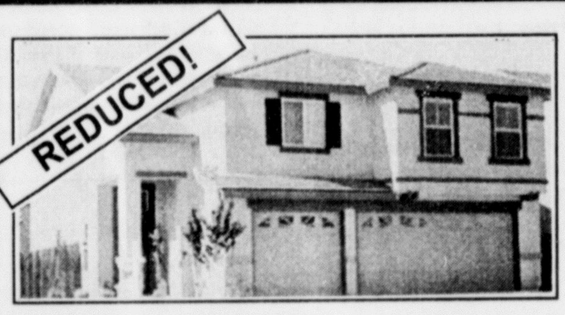

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed Apr 28, 2003
File No. 2003-404

The following person is doing business as El Torito Meat Mkt #2, 3073 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento CA.

Carniceria El Torito, 725 East St., Woodland CA 95776.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 4/28/03.

/s/Lilia Carrillo, Secty.
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Date: Apr 28, 2003
by: /s/Vikki Wittig, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the property described below will be sold as is at public sale on July 30, 2003 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at Space 49, Westwind Estates Mobilehome Park located at 1399 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, California in order to satisfy the lien claimed by the owner of the above mentioned mobilehome park for storage and other related charges incurred by Larry F. Knowlton and Alice V. Knowlton. The sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens and encumbrances of record except for possible liens of unpaid mobilehome registration fees and unpaid taxes, if any. The Creditor reserves the right to require the removal of the unit from the Westwind Estates Mobilehome Park within 48 hours after the sale. In the event that this right is not exercised, prospective purchasers who desire to reside in the unit on-site are cautioned to be familiar with California Civil Code Section 798.74 and 798.75. Prospective purchasers must tender a cashier's check for the full amount of the purchase immediately at the conclusion of the sale. Except for the warranty that this sale is authorized by law, absolutely no warranties of sale are made. The park reserves the right to postpone and reschedule the sale without further notice. The general public will have access to the Mobilehome Park premises for purposes related to this sale.

A description of the property to be sold is:

One (1) 1986 Kaufman/Broad Baywood Single Family Mobilehome; California HCD Decal No.: LAJ7559; Serial Nos: KBCASNB87121206 & KBCASNA87121206; HUD Label/Insignia Nos.: CA;336865 & CAL336866; Length: 48'; Width: 24'.

NOTE: The creditor claiming this lien will make a minimum opening credit bid of at least $5,447.50.

Dated: 6/30/03
/s/Michael W. Mihelich
Attorney for Westwind Estates Mobilehome Park

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The West Sacramento City Council will conduct a public hearing on July 16 2003 at 7:30 PM or as soon thereafter on the following. The hearing will be held in the city council chambers at the Civic Center, 1110 West Capitol Ave., West Sacramento. Interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the ADA, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, you should contact the City Clerk at 617-4500. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to this meeting. City hall is handicapped accessible.

1. Resolution 03-30 amending the General Plan from Rural Estates to Low Density Residential and Ordinance 03-5 amending the Zoning Map from Rural Estates to R1-B (single family) for the proposed Marshall Crossing project.

2. Appeal of the Planning Commission approval of a Planned Development Permit for the Capitol Place Apartment Project located at NW corner of Sacramento Avenue & Douglas Street, West Sacramento, CA.

3. Resolution 03-62 amending the Book of City Imposts for certain Community Development Service Fees.

4. Resolution 03-65 authorizing collection and requesting inclusion of delinquent charges and penalties for water, sewer and refuse services on the secured tax roll in the same manner as the general taxes.

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NOTICE OF HEARING
JULY 17, 2003

The West Sacramento Planning Commission will consider the following matters on Thursday, July 17, 2003, at West Sacramento Civic Center, Council Chambers, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento, California, at the times as specified or as soon thereafter as the matters may be heard:

6:00 p.m.
Zoning Administrator (ZA) Actions
Item #1
None
Regular Agenda
Item #2
Barnes Conditional Use Permit

This item is a request to develop a +/-1,484 square foot single family home in the multiple family residential zone. The property is located at 514 G Street (APN #10-465-03). A Categorical Exemption has been filed on the project. OWNER: Jim Barnes, 1558 Virginia Avenue, West Sacramento, CA 95691. APPLICANT: D.R. Technicians, 509 S. Stockton Street, Lodi CA 95240. (DT)

Item #3
Southport Business Park Lots 16 & 17 Tentative Parcel Map (TSM 03-03)

The applicant proposes to subdivide two adjacent industrial parcels totaling 20.25 acres into fourteen parcels ranging in area from 0.62 acres to 2.91 acres in area. All parcels would be served by reciprocal access, utility, parking, and landscaping easements. The site has beenapproved for development of fourteen light industrial buildings and several of the buildings are already under construction. The project is located at 2919 Promenade Street (APN #s 45-553-09, -21) and is zoned M-2 (Heavy Industrial) & M-1 (Light Industrial). The project is located in Planned Development No. 21. A Negative Declaration has been filed on the project. OWNER: KMS Development, LLD, 7401 Galilee Road, Suite 100, Roseville, CA 95678. APPLICANT: Buntain Construction, 4531 Harlin Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. (DT)

Item #4
McDonald's Conditional Use Permit (CUP 00-05)

The applicant proposes to construct and operate a gas station, car wash, convenience store, and McDonald's restaurant with a double drive-through lane. The convenience store and restaurant will co-locate in a 5,740 square foot building. The gasoline station will include four pump dispensers under an approximate 2,000 square foot canopy. The car wash will be a drive-through tunnel in an approximate 1,200 square foot structure. The proposed drive-through for the restaurant has a median island for the menu board and order equipment, which splits a portion of the drive-through into two order lanes. The project is located in the Mixed Use Zone (MU) where a drive-through restaurant is a conditional use. The proposed service station, car wash, convenience store, and sit-down restaurant are permitted uses. The project is located at 2455 Jefferson Boulevard (APN #46-010-036). A Negative Declaration has been filed on the project. OWNER: McDonald's Corporation, 2527 Camino Ramon, Suite 300, San Ramon, CA 94583. APPLICANT: G.P.M.S., 1143 Sibley Street, Suite 100, Folsom CA 95630. (DT)

Item #5
Bosley Tentative Subdivision Map

This item is a request to subdivide a 17.5 acre parcel into seven 2.5 acre parcels to be served by private courts and onsite wells and sewage disposal systems. The property is located at 3900 Partridge Avenue (APN #46-160-13) and is zoned RE (Rural Estates). A Negative Declaration has been prepared on this project. OWNER/APPLICANT: Donald Roy Bosley Family Trust, 3845 Jefferson Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (DT)

Item #6
Public Workshop on Seaway International Trade Center Vesting Tentative Map, PD (Planned Development) 37 Standards Amendment and Development Agreement Amendment

The applicant is requesting modifications to the approved Vesting Tentative Map for the Seaway International Trade Center, including modifications to lot sizes, reduction in the total number of lots and alteration of interior street alignments. Amendments to the planned development standards and development agreement would include adoption of architectural standards, revisions to permitted uses and special treatment areas. The proposed project involves just the area north of Southport Parkway. It is also bounded on the north by the Deep Water Ship Channel, on the east by the Arlington Oaks subdivision, on the west by the Southport Business Park and on the south by Southport Parkway. A new Negative Declaration has been prepared and is available at 1110 West Capitol Avenue, 2nd Floor. OWNER/APPLICANT: Port of Sacramento, 3251 Beacon Boulevard, Suite 300, West Sacramento, CA 95758-0070. (MW)

Item #7
Review and Proposed Revisions to the Noise Monitoring Program for Raley Field Concerts

This item is a review of the noise monitoring data for the 2002 Raley Field concerts and presentation of a revised noise monitoring program for the 2003 Raley Field concert series. OWNER/APPLICANT: River City Stadium Management, 400 Ballpark Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691. (SR)

Item #8
Presentation and Discussion of the Urban Village Separator Study

This item is a presentation and discussion of zoning and other techniques to create a buffer between the Northwest Village and the Southwest Village focusing on the Marshall Road area. (RVB).

/s/Stephen M. Patek, Director
Community Development Department

If you challenge any of the above items in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of West Sacramento at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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"Summer Sizzler" program, with bus fare discounts for kids age 17 and under. Through Aug. 31, youths age 5-17 can ride Yolobus to any of its destinations for a quarter. Destinations include UC Davis, downtown Sacramento, the Vacaville Factory Outlets, various shopping centers and movie theaters, and other locations. Summer passes are available for $10. Passes may be purchased at West Sacramento City Hall, 1110 West Capitol Ave. Call Yolobus at (530) 661-0816 for more information.

Kids Camp

The West Sacramento Kiwanis are offering a camp for children, July 20-26. For application information, call 371-3166 Or visit www.westsackiwanis.com. Camp is free, for kids age 9-11.

River Cats special

The Sacramento River Cats on Aug. 7 will honor regional child mentoring programs. Children, mentors and community members will participate during the game's festivities. Call (530) 661-6636 for more event information. For mentoring information, call 1-800-273-3133.

News-Ledger Directory *of* Local Places *of* Worship

Anna Street Baptist Church Rev. Norman Pollitt, 371-6560 1400 Anna St., W. Sac. Sunday School 10am Sunday Worship 11am Prayer Time Wed. 7pm http://www.forministry.com/95605ASBC	**Community Lutheran Church** Rev. Marjorie C. Beach, Pastor 920 Drever St., 371-8804 10am Worship/Sun. School Friendly, family, inclusive language. The 'come as you are' church.	**Seventh Day Adventist Church** H. Eugene Miller, Pastor, 334-9315 2860 Jefferson Blvd., W. Sac. PO Box 447, W. Sac. 95691 Sat. Sabbath School 9:30am Worship 11am 372-6570
First Baptist Church Gary Clements, Pastor Sun. Worship 9:45am Sun. eve. fellowship 6pm Jr/Sr High Youth Mon. 6:30pm Home Bible Studies Tues. 7pm Awana (K-6) Wed. 6:30pm Boy Scouts (11-18) Thurs. 6:30pm Men's Prayer Fllwship Sat. 8am 1511 Delaware Ave. 371-4061	**Trinity Presbyterian Church** 1500 Park Blvd., W. Sac. CA 95691 (916) 371-5875 Rev. Bradley Van Sant Services: Sun. 10 a.m.	**Holy Cross Catholic Church** 1321 Anna St. near Todhunter 371-1211 Rev. Chad Puthoff, SDS Sat. Vigil 5pm (English) Sun. 9 (English) Noon & 7pm (Spanish) Mon. 8:30am, Tues-Wed 7am, Thurs. 6:45 (Spanish) Fri. 8:30am
First Southern Baptist Church Pastor Michael Root Sun. School 9:30am Sun. Worship 11am, 6:30pm Wed. 6:30pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 2124 Michigan Blvd. 371-2111	**Southport Community Church** James Allerton, Pastor 2568 Industrial Blvd. Elem. School 9:30 a.m. Children's Programs Wkly Small Grp Bible Study Great Music www.southportcommunity.com 372-7818	**Westside Covenant Church** 371-3933 Meeting Sunday at 10 a.m. at Westfield Village Elementary School 508 Poplar Ave. West Sacramento
Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church 911 Park Blvd., 371-4814 Father James B. Walsh, Pastor Masses: Sat. Vigil 5:30pm Sunday 9 & 10:30am Weekdays 7am No Mass on Thursday	**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints** 10am Sacrament Meeting 11:20am Sunday School 12:10pm Priesthood/Relief Society PUBLIC WELCOME! 373-1801	**Center for Spiritual Awareness** 1020 W. Capitol Ave. 374-9177 Sun. services 9 & 11 am Junior Church, 11 am Multicultural Gospel Choir Wed. 7 pm Peace Prayers *'The last place you should catch hell is in your church"*

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Police log

June 24, 6:51 p.m.

A 36-year old West Capitol Ave. woman was seen by an officer as she was flagging down vehicles on that street. One car pulled over and she got in. The car was then stopped for a vehicle code violation. The woman was arrested for loitering for the purposes of prostitution. She admitted to a prostitution arrest about two months earlier. The man, from Rio Linda, was arrested as well.

June 25, 1:20 a.m.

A car was stopped by police for a vehicle code violation near Jefferson Blvd. and F Street. The 42-year old woman driving it gave consent to a search. The passenger had three outstanding misdemeanor warrants. Inside the car were three syringes, a drug pipe, some marijuana and 1.3 grams of methamphetamine. The driver and passenger were booked.

June 25, 6:05 p.m.

An officer pursued a suspect fleeing in a car until the suspect's car crashed eastbound on I-80 at the I-5 split. The driver exited his car, pulled out a gun and brandished it at the officer and then threw the gun into the river below. The driver was arrested and booked. He was 18, a known gang member on probation.

June 25

Officers investigated possible prostitution at a West Capitol motel. A man there said that he and his male friend had gone to a room there to "negotiate" sex with a 50-year old woman at the premises. The woman was arrested, but when an officer left with her, she said that the man had rock cocaine and the three people were at the motel to smoke it. Other officers confronted the man with this story, and the man swallowed the rock cocaine. The woman was released.

June 26, 1:01 p.m.

A 47-year old man hit his ex-wife at her Evergreen Ave. residence. The woman, four months pregnant, was struck in her abdomen. After the assault, she began to experience cramping and vomiting and was transported to a hospital. She said the suspect had threatened to kill her if she called police, and he took the phone. He led police on a foot chase for nearly an hour before being caught.

June 27, 7:18 p.m.

A 33-year old man was reported to have grabbed his wife by the neck, pushed her down on the bed, told her not to call police and begun removing the doorknob from the front door. She was able to leave the room and call police. The man, who was on probation, was arrested.

June 27, 10:20 p.m.

A 19-year old West Sacramento man was arrested after a reported fight at Elkhorn Park. When contacted there, he gave a false name and did not disclose that he was on parole. He was identified by his tattoos, which included a gang reference. He was booked.

June 28, 8:10 a.m.

A 42-year old West Capitol man was arrested after threatening to kill a person. He drove by, used his hand to form a mock gun and pretended to shoot.

June 29, 8:38 p.m.

On Pecan St., a man was arrested for choking his wife during an argument. She had visible marks on her throat. He showed signs of being under the influence of drugs..

June 29, 6:07 p.m.

An officer observed a woman stopping to look inside vehicles near 4th and D streets. She was on searchable probation, and was searched. She was carrying 2 grams of heroin and a syringe. She was booked.

June 30, 1:18 a.m.

A West Capitol Ave. man called 911 from a pay phone. His 44-year old wife had come home drunk several times during the night and assaulted him – once threatening to kill him with a kitchen knife. Another time she slapped him, and tore the phone out when he said he would call the police.

The man reported that his wife had struck their six year old child at least twice as well. She was arrested.

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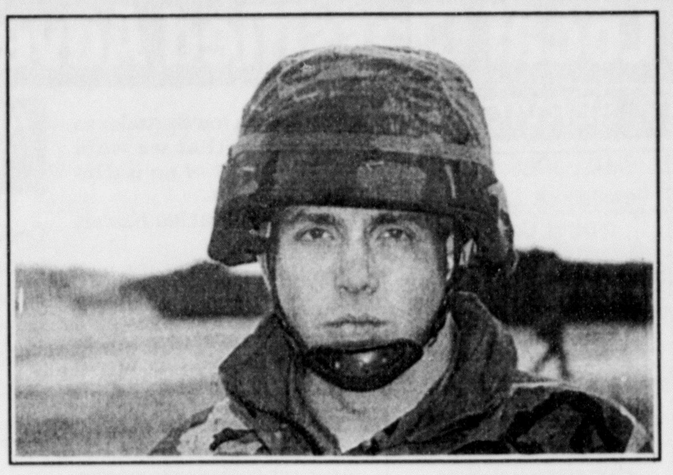

A welcome home party for United States Marine Corp's Corporal John R. Zonneveld will be held on Saturday, July 5th at 6 p.m. at the West Sacramento VFW Post #8762, located at 905 Drever Street in West Sacramento.

Corporal Zonneveld, who is stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, is a member of the U.S. Marine's 2nd battalion, 2/8, Fox Company, and has just returned from his deployment in Iraq, where he has been stationed since January of this year.

Corporal Zonneveld was born and raised in West Sacramento and attended local schools and his family would like to invite the entire community to come to the welcome home party and join with them in celebrating his safe return from the war in Iraq.

'Across the Bridge':

Regional events

Storytellers event

The Sacramento Storytellers Guild will present *Red, White and Blues,* a storytelling performance for grown-ups with a patriotic theme and red-hot stories on July 10th at 7:30 p.m. at the Ethel M. Hart Senior Center, 27th and J Streets. Admission is free and donations are accepted. Call 331-5523.

Volunteers needed

On the weekend of July 18-19, Eppie's Great Race will be celebrating its 30th anniversary as the World's Oldest Triathlon, and 700 volunteers are needed in many different positions. If you would like to volunteer, please call 875-6640 or email *saccotr@hotmail.com.*

Race for the arts

On August 3rd *Race for the Arts* will hold its 5km Run/Walk (& Children's Fun Runs) at CSU, Sacramento, 6000 J Street. Pledges will go to nonprofit visual, performing and cultural arts organizations or school music, drama and art programs of your choice. For more information, call 974-0786, 933-4056, or visit www.raceforhearts.com.

German genealogy

The July meeting of the Sacramento German Genealogy Society will be on July 22nd at 1 p.m. at the St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Lusk Drive at St. Mark's Way in Sacramento. The speaker will be Roger P. Minert, A.G. and Ph.D, and his topic will be "From Peasant Class to Nobility: How Our Ancestors Fit into the Class System." Visitors are welcome, although it is asked that non-member attendees either join SGGS or pay a $5 admittance fee. Call 782-5704.

1/4 mile dirt oval racing

It was 23 years ago when the last checkered flag fell at West Capitol Speedway where the racing was always fast, furious, and side-by-side. The tradition continues, however, with Sacramento Raceway hosting dirt oval racing on the following dates: July 18, August 29, September 19, November 15 and November 29. Gates open at 4:30 p.m. and the first race is a 7 p.m. General admission is $10, pit passes are $25, and race entry is $35. Sacramento Raceway is located at 5303 Excelsior Road in Sacramento. Call 366-7368 for more information.

Senior discount at the zoo

July 5th will be Senior Discount day at the Sacramento Zoo, with seniors 65 or over getting in for half price. All visitors will enjoy this special day that focuses on animal longevity.

Folsom Pro Rodeo

Folsom's annual July 4th celebration kicks off its 43rd year July 3-6 at the Folsom City Park. All the traditional rodeo events will be included such as bull riding, barrel racing and more. Spectacular arena fireworks will entertain rodeo fans nightly. For ticket information call 985-5555.

Shakespeare festival

The Sacramento Shakespeare Festival, produced by City Theatre at Sacramento City College, will present *Twelfth Night* and *Othello* in William Land Park from June 27 to August 3. "Shakespeare Lite", 45 minute versions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Tempest,* and *The Two Gentlemen of Verona,* will be performed at St. Rose of Lima Park from June 5-10. Call 558-2173.

Alzheimer's society meets

The Alzheimer's Aid Society of Northern California Support Group for the Memory Impaired will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday in July at 10:30 a.m. at the Alzheimer's Aid Society Office, 2641 Cottage Way, Suite #4 in Sacramento. Call 448-7001.

Widowed persons meet

The Widowed Persons Association of California encourages widowed men and women to come to Sunday Support get-togethers each Sunday from 3-5 p.m. at the Widowed Persons Association office, located at 2628 El Camino Avenue, Suite D-18.

Activities include bowling, brown bag opera, needle and thread, breakfasts, dinners, golf, card games, dancing and traveling. Call 972-9722.

Locals in uniform

Mick B. Webb

Marine Corps Private Mick Webb recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California.

In addition to physical conditioning, Webb and his fellow recruits spent numerous hours in the classroom, learned first aid, combat water survival, hand-to-hand combat, and qualified in assorted weapons training. He also received instruction on Marine Corp's core values and personal and professional conduct.

Webb is a 2001 graduate of River City High School in West Sacramento.

GHOSTS

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people who are sensitive to the problem. From everything I've learned, demons are rare and kind of a special case. There are a bunch of questions you want to ask the people – are they doing anything that might be upsetting (to the spirit world)?"

To try to record supernatural phenomena, she brings to the site a toolbox of gadgetry.

"The biggest thing I have in it right now is a Geiger counter, because it's an older model," Dempsey said. "I also have right angle flashlights, a motion detector, black light, an electronic voice recorder, a hydrometer to measure humidity in a room, an ionic detector and an infrared thermometer. I bring a first aid kit, and a compass – if the electromagnetic field is screwed up, the compass hands will spin around."

Dempsey has a 12-year old daughter who thinks her vocation "is interesting sometimes, but sometimes she's a little leery about it."

A native of Daly City, Dempsey has a degree in forensic science from CSU Sacramento, training as a law enforcement investigator and experience on archaeology projects. She also has lived in a haunted place herself.

"When you'd leave a room there, all the dresser drawers would open," she recollected.

Her former work also piqued Dempsey's interest in the spiritual world.

"I was a coroner's investigator for a while, so there's a little bit of interest from that in what happens after death," said Dempsey.

Dempsey's business, GLO, can be reached at (866) 456-4007.

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BIG yard sale Sat., July 5, 7am-3pm, 822 Solano St. (Russian Baptist Church). Clothes & all kinds of other good stuff!
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APARTMENTS FOR RENT

One bedrm apt. on Cummins Wy, across from senior center, WW carpets, AC, miniblinds, full kitchen, walk-in closet, parking, laundry facil., $600. 371-5732, 375-0684.
L45tfn

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Home is the one place in all this world where hearts are sure of each other. It is the place of confidence. It is the spot where expressions of tenderness gush out without any dread of ridicule.
—Frederick W. Robertson

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Waiting, done at really high speeds, will frequently look like something else.
—Carrie Fisher

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jk32tfn

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hp29tfn

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29tfn

WANT A NEW HOME? This one is less than 2 yrs old, at Bridgeway Island! Great Forecast-built home, almost 1600 sq ft, 3 bdrms, 2 full baths, 2-car garage. Near park & school. Fully landscaped, front & rear. Why buy new? All work & expense already done for you! Drive by 2383 Kelly Island Rd, then call John Kane, Kane Realty, 373-5300. Priced at $265,000.

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'Need to know'?
Or *'Just Looking'?*
Complete list of homes with photos, emailed to you, your choice:
■ Homes for Sale
■ Pending Sales
■ Homes Sold
JOHN KANE - 373-5300
"Your West Sacramento Specialist"
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ICE CREAM

ICE CREAM IN WEST SAC! Solomon's Coffee & Ice Cream, 1350 Harbor Blvd., across from UPS & next to Quiznos. Cones, shakes, sundaes, chili dogs. SPECIAL WITH THIS AD: 50-cent ice cream cone! Good thru 7/31/03.
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CHILD CARE

FREE CHILD CARE REFERRALS: Child Care Services offers free child care referrals to licensed family child care homes and child care centers. For referrals and other information, call (530) 757-5695 or (800) 723-3001.
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HOMES FOR RENT

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37tfn

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PETS

LOST DOG: Saturday 6/14 near Michigan Ave. & Perkins. Black & white cockapoo/poodle mix, small, short hair, 10-20 pounds, floppy ears, long tail. Black with White nose, chest, boots, belly. Red collar with Nevada ID. Please call 916-717-8055.
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HELP WANTED

Recycling: Administrative Aide (Refuse & Recycling Division) - City of West Sacramento. $3584-4356/mo + excnt bnfts. For complete info, send SASE, indicating position to HR, 1110 W. Capitol Ave., W. Sacto., CA 95691 or visit www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. FFD: 5pm, 7/18/03. NO POSTMARKS.
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Manager, Asst: Part Time Self Storage. Good phone skills - job related computer exp. some cleaning and outside duties. Call (916) 371-6882.
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Police Officer (Academy Graduate & Lateral) for City of West Sacramento. $3914-4757/mo + excint bnfts. For complete info, incl application process, send SASE, indicating position to HR, 1110 W. Capitol Ave, W. Sacto., CA 95691 or visit www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. FFD: 5pm, 08/29/03. NO POSTMARKS
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Program Manager for City of West Sacramento. $4440-6745/mo + excnt bnfts. Req's grad from 4 yr college & 5 yrs exper. For complete info, send SASE, indicating position to HR, 1110 West Capitol Avenue, W. Sacto., CA 95691 or visit www.ci.west-sacramento.ca.us. FFD: 5pm, 8/1/03.
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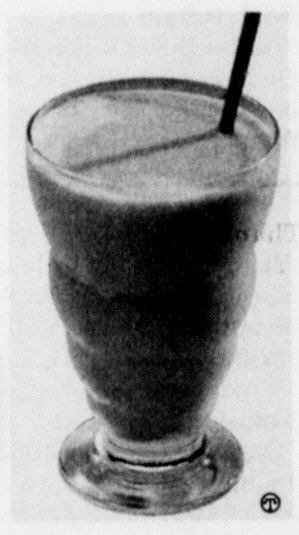
Mix Up Some Fun

With limitless combinations of great tasting gelatin or instant pudding mixed with wholesome milk and whatever other ingredients their imaginations can dream up, kids will be kept busy stirring up fun this summer. For more information on the "Mix it With Milk® 'n JELL-O®" contest and other JELL-O® products, visit www.jell-o.com.

PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY MILK MIXER
Prep Time: 5 minutes



1 cup fat free milk
2 tbsp. JELL-O® brand grape flavor gelatin (dry powder)
1 tsp. creamy peanut butter

POUR milk into a tall glass. Add gelatin; stir several minutes until gelatin is completely dissolved. Stir in peanut butter. Serve immediately.

MAKES 1 serving.

Variation: Prepare as directed, using crunchy peanut butter.

Nutrition Information Per Serving: 200 calories, 3g total fat, 1g saturated fat, 32g carbohydrate, 31g sugars, 11g protein, 30%DV calcium.

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BOOK NOTES

(NAPS)—For those who love golf, a book newly available in paperback may be described as being on par with no other. *The 500 World's Greatest Golf Holes* (Artisan, $29.95) by George Peper and the editors of *GOLF Magazine* contains the most beautiful, difficult, exotic, thrilling and notorious golf holes in the world—complete with the fairways and greens, bunkers and hazards that have thwarted Tiger Woods, David Duval, Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Ben Hogan and Bobby Jones—and those they have conquered.

Sinister forces lurk within paradise—and no one seems able to escape...not even at a dead run. That is the feeling in the just-released paperback *Dead Run* (MIRA Books, $6.99), Erica Spindler's foray into the dark side of the human psyche. Spindler's latest thriller, *In Silence*, a spine-tingling psychological story of murder and betrayal, is available by visiting www.mirabooks.com.

OPINION

News-Ledger Editorial

Bits & pieces

The Washington Unified School District has given its interim superintendent, Patrick Campbell, a contract for continued services until "the selection of a permanent superintendent or December 31, 2004 whichever comes first."

Meanwhile, there is no timetable for the selection process for a permanent superintendent. Perhaps that's the place to start, even if the plan is changed later. It's not too hard to imagine a scenario resulting from this new contract in which the hiring cycle for superintendents is missed, a new school board is elected and seated in December of 2004, and the new board has only one meeting in order to decide whether to allow Campbell's contract to elapse or to extend it into 2005.

Various community members and organizations have asked for the right to participate in the selection process for a new superintendent If the selection process doesn't begin soon, and an interim person is retained for a long time period, that is the same as denying these people their request. The school board needs to let people know what its intentions are.

Next year is a "magic" year for the purposes of putting a school bond on the ballot to build a new high school. It represents a vital window of opportunity, and requires the faith and trust of the community in its school district. The school board needs to make some decisions about the district's future, and that includes some decisions about its next leader – the next superintendent.

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The last gossip (completely unconfirmed) circling the city is that Forecast Homes had made an offer for the Iwasaki family's Southport property at about $215,000 per acre, and the school district (hoping to build a high school on the same land) had made an offer not too far behind that. No further news of the negotiations is available.

But that dollar amount boggles the mind, doesn't it?

Last week's News-Ledger included a "Page from the Past" featuring a page from the 1925 East Yolo Independent. That newspaper reported a land sale in a desirable location at $6,000 per acre – believed to be a record price at the time, eclipsing the prior known record of $1,000 per acre in the region's Washington township area. An advertisement on the same page asked for $175 per acre for rural land.

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The current, joint Sacramento/West Sacramento riverfront plan doesn't necessarily get into such specifics, but the News-Ledger would like to proffer two suggestions for future park land along the urban waterfront:

How about some kind of wildflower garden, featuring a variety of native species of flowers and trees?

And what about including some kind of exercise "par course" as part of the future jogging trail and park plan?

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Letters to the Editor

Don't play basketball in the street

Why do parents put basketball hoops in the street and then tell their children to go play? On our street there are four basketball hoops sitting in the gutter. I have turned onto our street and had to stop to keep from hitting a child. I called the police department and they said it was legal during the day but not at night. Does a child have to be crippled for life or killed before the city does something about this?

M. PIERCE
West Sacramento

Thanks!

This message is a little late in going out, but I wanted to give my thanks to those individuals and groups who worked so hard to make our graduation and Grad Nite two of the most memorable and enjoyable events of our school year.

The graduation ceremony itself was very well attended; the students did a great job; and our school and its graduating class were able to once again participate in a graduation ceremony held right in "our own backyard" at Raley Field thanks to the support of the River Cats, the City of West Sacramento, the Washington Unified School District, and the outstanding personnel at River City High School.

Grad Nite after the ceremony was held at our Civic Center and was hugely successful with approximately 166 members of our graduating class in attendance. There were casino games, basketball, movies, video games, inflatable structures for the grads to climb on, slide down, and jump and joust in. Those were some of the things provided for our graduating class along with lots of food, music, dancing, Karaoke singing, and raffle prizes (Grand Prize of $1000).

As stated previously, these events do not just happen without the hard work and support of many people. I know that I will forget to mention some key people who should be recognized, so I apologize up front, but I would like to give special thanks to Bob Hemond, Carolyn Overberg, and Rebecca Kirtlan of the River Cats; Mayor Christopher Cabaldon, City Council members, and the City of West Sacramento; Andre Pichly of Parks and Community Services; Dave Dove of our Teen Center and his great group of parents and students; and Stu Greenfeld, Bonnie Broxton, and the Trustees of the Washington Unified School District. These individuals and groups made special provisions and allowances for us to help make these great events happen successfully.

Thanks to all of you!

MORT GEIVETT
Principal, River City High School

Public transportation suggestions

Effective July 1, the age at which Sacramento seniors may ride the bus and light rail for free will be 75, lowered from 80. Such seniors may opt to give up driving or continue, while using the park and ride system, near light rail stations and elsewhere that it is encouraging. This makes the most sense to avoid peak hour traffic, etc. But rather than simply cut the last runs of some buses, riders would prefer the frequency of the runs be cut an hour sooner.

And over recent years an RT transfer has been good for 90 minutes, whereas a YoloBus transfer is good for but one transfer. YoloBus should equal RT's "free rides for seniors at age 75" policy, but transfers into Yolo County should be good for two hours, since YoloBus' service averages are less than half as frequent. We need more benches and shelters, with updated schedules, with more protection from the weather extremes, more frequent service and a more aggressive park and ride program to be most effective.

And just as RT has settled with the disabled for repairing and making sidewalks wheelchair-accessible (including curb cuts at all corners with grooves for the blind), West Sac should include like repairs as it updates its roads and sidewalks. This reduces chances of injuries and lawsuits and funding for same has been approved by the local bond measure. Just do it right.

WILLIAM A. LOWELL
West Sacramento

The News-Ledger welcomes letters from its readers.
Letters may be on any subject of local interest and must be signed and include the author's phone number and address (solely for verification purposes).
Letters may be edited for length or potentially objectionable content.
Send your letter to:
News-Ledger
PO Box 463
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 28, 2003
File No. 2003-486

The following person is doing business as Aggie Landscaping, 710 Humbolt, Dixon CA 95620:

James Styers, 710 Humbolt, Dixon CA 95620.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/28/03.

/s/James Styers

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County of Yolo
Freddie Oakley, Clerk
Date: May 28, 2003
by: /s/Elizabeth Montoya, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 21, 2003
File No. 2003-471

The following person is doing business as Centerline Construction, 16692 Freeman St., Esparto CA 95627:

James Firmin Nason, same address.

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/s/James Firmin Nason

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Date: May 21, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 2, 2003
File No. 2003-500

The following person is doing business as Davis Printing, 1275 Halyard Dr., Ste. 100, West Sac, CA 95691:

John Nichols, 3193 Maui St., West Sac., CA 95691.

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/s/John Nichols

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by: /s/Kimberley Weisenburg, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 2, 2003
File No. 2003-499

The following person is doing business as Print By Phone, 1275 Halyard Dr., Suite 100, West Sac., CA 95691.

John Nichols and Stephanie Kobos, 3193 Maui St., West Sac., CA 95691.

This business is conducted by Husband and Wife.

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/s/John Nichols

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 8 , 2003
File No. 2003-443

The following person is doing business as Aracari Locksmithing, 2949 Portage Bay West Apt 145

Jason Graham, 2949 Portage Bay Wst #145, Davis CA 95616.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Jason Graham

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Date: May 8, 2003
by: /s/Kristina A. Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 28, 2003
File No. 2003-490

The following person is doing business as eMerchantTech.com; Mama Trends USA, 602 Laurel Pl, Davis CA 95616.

Maria Medina, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Maria Medina

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Date: May 28, 2003
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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It is one of the blessings of old friends that you can afford to be stupid with them.
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name
FBN Number: 2001-756

The following person has abandoned the use of the Fictitious Business Name: Granite Bay Tile & Stone Tools, located at 30 Clark Ct., Woodland, CA 95776:

The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Yolo County on 11-15-2001.

Diane Koch, 30 Clark Ct., Woodland CA 95776.

This business was conducted by an Individual.

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/s/Sara Pfeifle
May 15, 2003

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

Filed May 30, 2003
File No. 2003-494

The following person is doing business as Egg Tracker, 3033 Carmel Bay Rd; W. Sacramento CA 95691:

Nichole Sherman, same address.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/30/03.

/s/Nichole Sherman,President Egg Tracker, Inc.

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Date: May 30, 2003
by: /s/Eleigh Fagel, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 20, 2003
File No. 2003-467

The following person is doing business as Aaron's Awesome Arcade, 171 W. Main St., Woodland CA 95695:

Synnamon Le, 1720 W. Miramonte Dr., Woodland CA 95695.

This business is conducted by.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 5/20/03.

/s/Synnamon Le

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Date: May 20, 2003
by: /s/Lupe Ramirez, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 18, 2003
File No. 2003-565

The following person is doing business as HareLine Graphics, 2370 Geary St., West Sacramento CA95691:

Jill Walker, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan.28, 1998.

/s/Jill Walker

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Date: June 18, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 12, 2003
File No. 2003-542

The following person is doing business as Flicke Creative; Centrihost, 3001 Lillard Dr., Davis CA 95616.

Adan Callaghan, 3001 Lillard Dr., Davis CA 95616; Thomas Jay, 4005 Cowell Blvd., #205, Davis CA 95616; Lowell Kepics, 1420 Lake Blvd. #24, Davis CA 95616; Alex Ligetti, 4447 Cowell Blvd. #16, Davis CA 95616; Ron Pritchard, 2532 9th Ave., Sacramento CA 95818.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/12/03.

/s/Adan Callaghan et al

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Date: June 12, 2003
by: /s/Ava Woodard, Deputy Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 17, 2003
File No. 2003-559

The following person is doing business as CDI RV Service Center, 1238 East Beamer St., Woodland CA 95776.

Controlled Directional, Inc., PO Box 8604, Woodland CA 95776, a Calif. corp.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.

The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6/17/03.

/s/Roger Gibson, President

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PUZZLES & COMICS

R.F.D. by Mike Marland

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YUP! I DIDN'T LIKE ANY OF THE STOCK MODELS...
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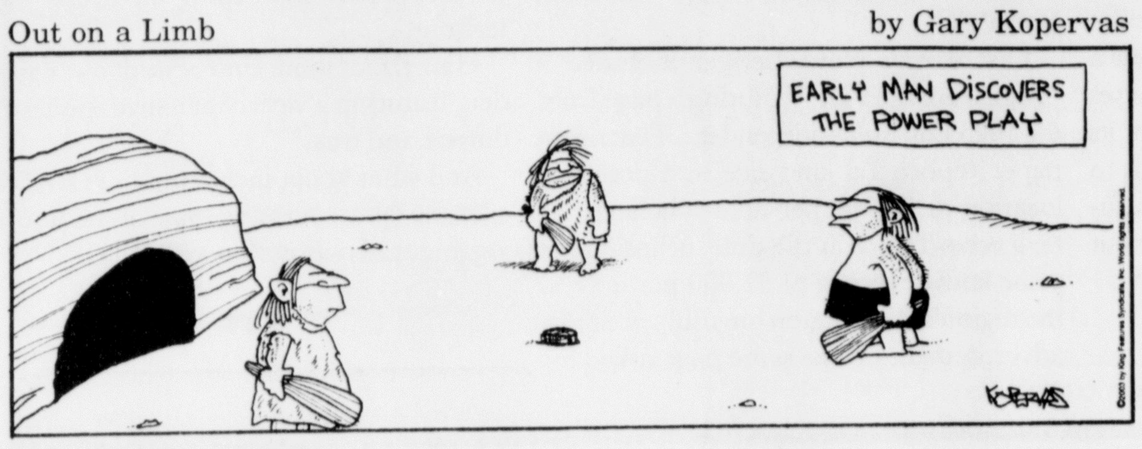
Out on a Limb by Gary Kopervas



Amber Waves by Dave Phipps

HONEY, DID YOU HEAR THE BABY?
I THINK ONE OF US SHOULD CHECK ON HER.
I'LL KEEP THE BED NICE AND WARM FOR YOU.
NOBODY HAS A SENSE OF HUMOR AT 5:00 A.M.
Amberwavescomics@aol.com

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

I SHOULDN'T HAVE BOUGHT THIS HAT FROM THAT SLICK SALESMAN.
I DON'T THINK TOO GOOD ON MY FEET.
YOU DON'T THINK TOO GOOD WITH YOUR BRAIN EITHER.

POPEYE
Hey Eisman
WITH ALL YER EDICATION... ...HOW COME YER JEST A SUCCESSFUL MOOCHER?
IT'S A SAD TALE, MY FRIEND!
AFTER COLLEGE I REALIZED I DIDN'T KNOW THE REAL ME... ...SO I LEFT HOME IN A SEARCH FOR MYSELF!
IT LED ME TO THE FAR EAST... ...I IMMERSED MYSELF IN THE KRIPALU TRADITION IN A YOGA ASHRAM...
...WHERE I SEARCHED DILIGENTLY FOR THE LANDSCAPE OF MY SOUL...
I EXPLORED MY CHAKRA... ...AND CAME UPON MY KARMIC BOND WITH THE UNIVERSE
AFTER YEARS, I TRIUMPHANTLY RETURNED HOME... ...I SAID "FATHER, I FINALLY FOUND MYSELF!"
AN' WOT DID HE SAY? "GET LOST!"

OUR STORY SO FAR...
HURLING HIS WEAPON FROM THE ARENA BELOW, FLASH FREES DALE FROM HER PRISON!
WARTOG SCOFFS AT THE THREAT. CONTROLLING THE MINDS OF THE KING'S GUARDS, HE HAS DALE HOPELESSLY OUTNUMBERED...
...BUT FAR FROM BEATEN!
KRAC!
FLASH GORDON
BY JIM KEEFE
DALE STRIKES A DIRECT BLOW TO THE HEADPIECE WARTOG USES TO CONTROL MEN'S MINDS.
MY POWER... IT...IT'S GONE! I'VE LOST IT!
I HAD IT ALL. AN ENTIRE KINGDOM AT MY DISPOSAL.
YOU...YOU TOOK IT ALL AWAY FROM ME!
I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT!
I'D SAY YOU'VE ALREADY CAUSED ENOUGH BLOODSHED.
TH...THAT VOICE...
...THE KING!
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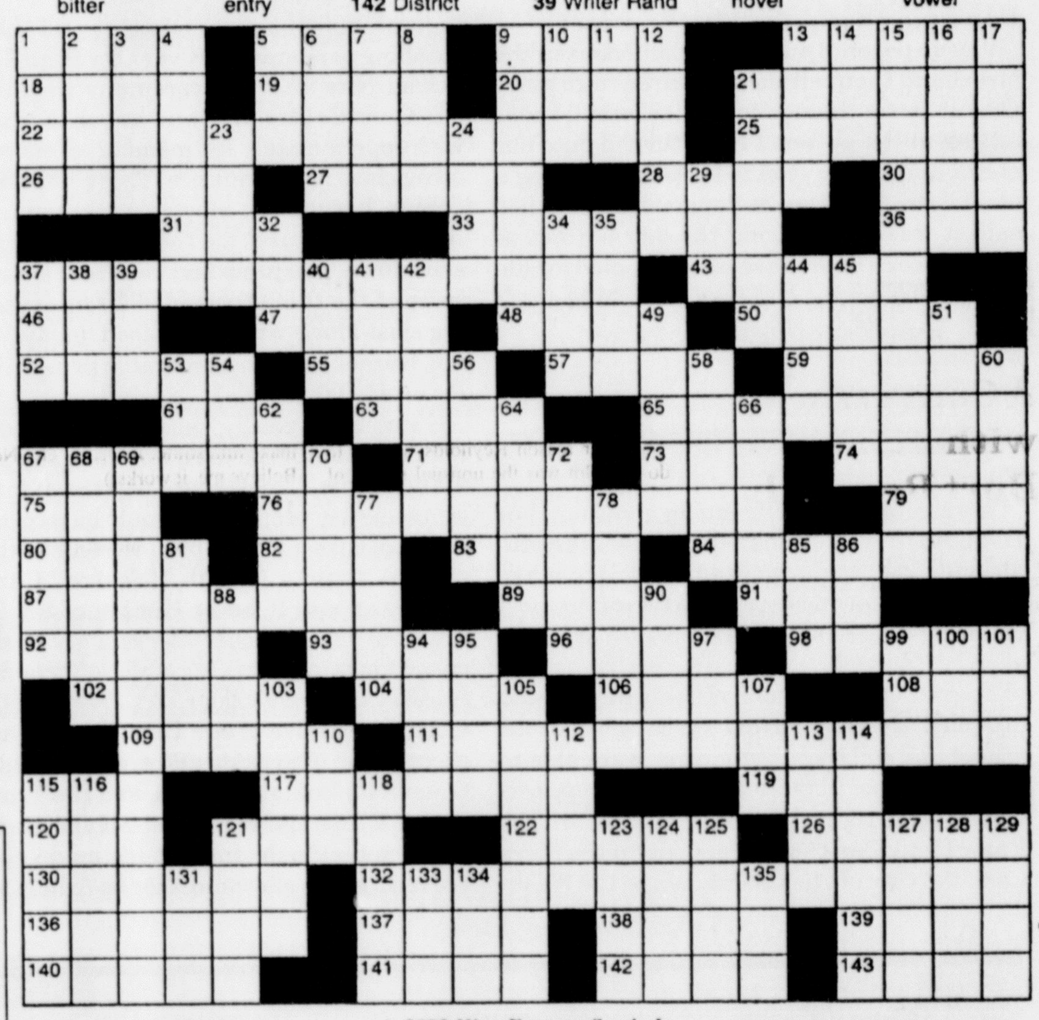
Super Crossword

SPAGHETTI WESTERNS

ACROSS
1 Applies lightly
5 Helicopter sound
9 Swedish rockers
13 "Whole — Love" ('69 hit)
18 Guinness or Baldwin
19 Actress Skye
20 Chrysler competitor
21 Toils
22 "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Ragazzo" star?
25 O'Neill's "The — Cometh"
26 New Hampshire city
27 Postpone
28 Leaf part
30 Married Mlle.
31 Tarbell or Lupino
33 Theft
36 Spring mo.
37 "Duello at Diablo" star?
43 Punjabi princes
46 Ornamental vine
47 It may be bitter
48 Blue hue
50 The very bottom
52 Tijuana title
55 "Star Wars" Skywalker
57 Fawn's father
59 Pride of lions?
61 Be a pest
63 Actress Helgenberger
65 Alaric, for one
67 Easily read
71 Kedrova of "Torn Curtain"
73 Unwell
74 Gulf ruler
75 Part of EEC
76 "The Tin Stella" star?
79 Wrath
80 Fateful 15th
82 Demolished a Danish
83 Rain hard?
84 Incorporated, as territory
87 Smith or Jones, e.g.
89 Junket
91 Petite pooch
92 Forster's "— With a View"
93 Evaluate
96 Level
98 Account entry
102 Have — over one's head
104 "My Sweet —" ('70 smash)
106 Debtors' letters
108 Indefinite pronoun
109 Baal and Elvis
111 "Rosso River" star?
115 Funnyman Philips
117 Hailing from Haifa
119 Paw part
120 Once around the track
121 "Peter Pan" pirate
122 Pound the podium
126 Stallone role
130 Puts up
132 "How the Ovest Was Won" star?
136 Actress Tyson
137 Poker stake
138 Peter and Gordon song, e.g.
139 Small combo
140 Asian capital
141 Tavern staples
142 District
143 Prophet

DOWN
1 TV's "— Shadows"
2 Bum remedy
3 Neuwirth or Daniels
4 Picturesque
5 Humor
6 Car part
7 Memo start
8 Scuba site
9 Insult
10 Derisive cry
11 "It's freezing!"
12 Confuse
13 Tablecloth fabric
14 UK honor
15 "Riders of the Purpureo Sage" star?
16 Vagabond
17 Ed of "Lou Grant"
21 Tripoli native
23 Change the decor
24 Earl — Biggers
29 Hockey's Bobby
32 Current unit
34 Honey bunch?
35 Wild child
37 "M*A*S*H" extras
38 "— been had!"
39 Writer Rand
40 Vinegar's partner
41 Dejected
42 Detergent ingredient
44 Actress Gertz
45 Saying
49 Linda of "Alice"
51 Join the leisure class?
53 Kimono closer
54 Massage
56 Fromm or Segal
58 Comic Radner
60 Start the slaw
62 Shimmer
64 Rub it in
66 Distort
67 Camera company
68 Writer Welty
69 "The Grande Country" star?
70 Go in
72 Blazing
77 Kidney-related
78 De Havilland or Hussey
81 Hair net
85 Start to snooze
86 Spud bud
88 Melville novel
90 Menial laborer
94 Tiberius' threads?
95 A Great Lake
97 Sister
99 Lad
100 Bed and breakfast
101 Pigskin prop
103 Poorly made
105 Costello or Del Rio
107 Use a straw
110 Compass pt.
112 Neighbor of Tenn.
113 Weft's opposite
114 Modifies
115 Vote in
116 Lanza or Lemieux
118 "King Lear" role
121 WWII site
123 Verdi opera
124 — de force
125 Fencing weapon
127 Full-grown filly
128 Soft cheese
129 Scent
131 Dodger Ron
133 Shiba — (Japanese dog)
134 Giant legend
135 Greek vowel



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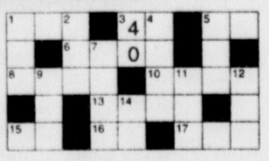
Rational Numbers

by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, two digits have been entered in the diagram.



ACROSS
1. Sum of the digits is 14-Down
3. Consecutive digits in descending order
5. 16-Across plus 3-Down
6. Digits of 4-Down rearranged
8. Sum of the digits is 14-Down
10. 1-Across plus 17-Across
13. 8-Across minus 10-Across
15. Consecutive digits in descending order
16. Last digits of 8-Across in order
17. Five more than 11-Down

DOWN
1. Last digits of 7-Down in order
2. Five hundred less than 1-Down
3. Four times 15-Across
4. Seven times 12-Down
5. Two more than 9-Down
7. Six times 5-Down
9. One-half of 6-Across
11. Same digit repeated
12. 3-Across times 15-Across
14. 16-Across minus 15-Across

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INTERESTING TOWN NAMES IN NORTH CAROLINA

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Q	O	M	W	E	L	C	O	M	E	N	K	I	H	C
F	D	B	Z	A	V	I	D	E	A	L	Y	Y	W	I
V	T	R	D	Q	M	E	V	O	N	C	N	H	L	L
N	K	I	H	U	E	A	L	W	F	D	T	N	W	G
C	O	A	Z	P	C	X	H	G	E	W	V	A	U	I
U	S	V	S	T	R	K	Q	A	O	K	O	N	E	B
M	T	S	A	O	T	H	T	A	B	R	S	K	J	M
I	H	B	F	D	N	O	P	G	O	R	F	A	E	D

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Askewville, Avon, Bahama, Bat Cave, Bath, Big Lick, Bunnlevel, Duck, Frog Level, Frog Pond, Meat Camp, Speed, Tick Bite, Welcome, Whynot

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

DINING, TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

PORTS OF CALL

by Bethany Murray

Birders Rule Roost at Panama's Canopy Tower

In the early days of the Panama Canal, giant traffic signs stood atop nearby Semaphore Hill to aid ships and boats navigating through the Culebra Cut. Then the United States Air Force put up a radar tower on the hill to help with defense of the Canal. The tower was also used for air-traffic control by the FAA and as a communications tower by the Panama Canal Commission.

Today, the only signals up there are frantic ones from one birdwatcher to another.

For the past few years, the canopy-topping structure in the heart of Soberania National Park, 30 minutes from Panama City, has filled a purpose much better suited to its semideciduous surroundings: an ecolodge, a haven for birdwatchers and anyone interested in the rainforests and wildlife of Central America, and the baby and brainchild of Raul Arias de Para. On any given day in this millennia, colorful birds and monkeys are the most exciting things detected from the tower.

When you wake up, your first sight out your big bedroom window is of lush, verdant treetops. Head up to the dining room to watch ships glide through the Canal. The cylindrical Tower offers awe-striking views from every angle, and its observation platform 50 feet above the ground is the perfect spot to watch the sun both rise and set.

Whether from the Tower itself or out on a walk or ride, you'll see any number of the hundreds of species of birds, animals, trees and flowers that live here: giant butterflies, crane hawks, vermiculated screech-owls, tropical kingbirds, black-cheeked woodpeckers, tawny-throated leaftossers, blue cotingas, howler monkeys, white-faced capuchins, kinkajous, ocelots, jaguarundi, two- and three-toed sloths, woolly opossums, gray foxes, several species of bats, and the list goes on. There are several tours throughout the day; what you see depends greatly on the time you're looking. To get through some of the more difficult terrain, hop aboard the Rainfomobile or the Birdmobile for a short trip to some of Panama's best birding spots.

Hammocks abound for relaxing with a book or taking a siesta. Lounge around the radar dome with fellow travelers and naturalists, comparing notes. And if you'd like to join the birds and monkeys soaring through the trees, take a day trip to the Canopy Adventure, also owned by Raul. You'll fly through the rainforest canopy on safe, modern climbing equipment, birds and mammals all around you as you dive from platform to platform and swoop over a waterfall.

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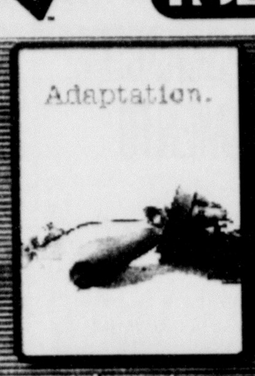

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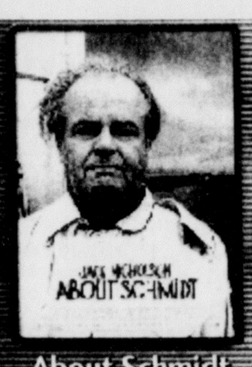

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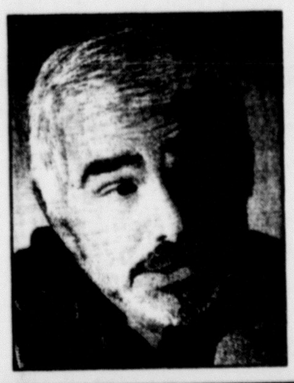
TUNING IN by Sally Stone

A Conversation with Burt Reynolds

On Saturday, July 12, the Hallmark Channel will premiere "Hard Ground," starring Bruce Dern ("Coming Home") as Sheriff Hutchison; Seth Peterson ("Providence") as Deputy Sheriff Joshua McKay; Amy Jo Johnson ("Felicity") as Liz Kennedy, the only survivor of a family wiped out by an escaped convict, Billy Bucklin, (David Figlioli); and Burt Reynolds ("Driven") as John McKay, a half Native American bounty hunter who has endured more than 10 years in the hellish Yuma Territorial prison for a crime he did not commit. When Bucklin escapes from prison and goes on a killing spree, McKay is told he can win his freedom if he tracks down the killer. He's joined in his pursuit by the young deputy, who turns out to be his son.



"Hard Ground"
The Hallmark Channel
July 12, 9 p.m. EDT

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Burt Reynolds says he didn't hesitate for even a moment when he was asked to do "Hard Ground."

"When they told me I'd be doing a lot of riding, that was the first thing that persuaded me to make the movie. I love to ride, and I don't get the chance to do it as much as I'd like."

Another reason Reynolds wanted to do the film was the unusual nature of what might have been just another typical Western-genre battle between the good guys and the bad.

"What I liked was the way John McKay was able to deal with an opportunity few of us ever get: a second chance. In his case, the second chance was not just to be let out of jail for a crime he didn't commit. More important than that was the chance to become a father again to the son he lost all those years while he was in prison. It couldn't have been easy. This young man may be his son, but he's also a stranger: someone he doesn't really know. McKay is also a stranger to young Joshua. Where do you find some common ground on which to restart this relationship?"

Reynolds, who plays a half-Indian in the film, has been active for years not only in bringing more Native Americans into the industry, but also helping to change the stereotypical image of Native Americans in films.

"One of the reasons I wanted to do the series 'Hawk' (1966) was that it would be a chance to have an Indian as the major character — something that had never been done before. And the character himself was a break from every stereotypical Indian anyone had ever seen: He was a New York City police detective."

Reynolds continues, "Because of the way Hollywood used to portray Indians, we had all these generations growing up believing that Indians spoke in grunts, lived in wigwams and when they weren't going off to scalp their enemies, just hung out on the reservation getting drunk. It's taken a lot of time," he says, "but things have changed, and the false stereotypes have largely disappeared."

When not working as an actor, Burt Reynolds is helping young people follow their dreams of becoming actors. He teaches acting and has established the Burt Reynolds Institute for The Theatre (B.R.I.T.T.) located in Tequesta, Fla. He has also created a chair for theater at Florida State University, where he used to play on the Seminoles football team.

(P.S.: If you ever get to meet Burt Reynolds, here's a guaranteed way to make him smile: Just say, "Go 'Noles." Believe me, it works.)

In Focus

On July 12, Showtime airs "The Incredible Mrs. Ritchie" starring **Gena Rowlands**. The film is written and directed by **Paul Johansson** ("Highlander: The Raven") and executive-produced by Rowlands' son, actor/director **Nick Cassavetes**. It's based on a woman Johansson knew when he was a young boy and who, he says, changed his life.

Gena Rowlands

"I was fascinated by the story," Ms. Rowlands says. "And when I read the script I could see how much love Paul had for this woman, and how much love she had for him. He says she changed his life by opening his mind to possibilities he hadn't considered before. But I think he changed her life as well. Their story — as you see it played out in the film — reminds us that we need people to love us, and we need to love them as well."

On July 11, Showtime premieres "Free for All," starring **Jonathan Silverman** ("The Single Guy") as the voice of Johnny in the new animated seven-episode series based on the cult comic of the same name. Silverman says, "You know you're going to enjoy a show where one of the characters — in this case Johnny — has a grandmother who probably really loves him: That's what grandmothers do. But she's a practical woman, and has decided she'll have to kill him because she needs his apartment."

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CRITIC'S CORNER

By D.N.A Smith

"Bruce Almighty"

Running time: 100 minutes
MPAA rating: PG-13

I've been avoiding this movie for weeks because I just didn't want to see Jim Carrey in another lousy movie. And judging by the previews, "Bruce Almighty" looked like exactly that.

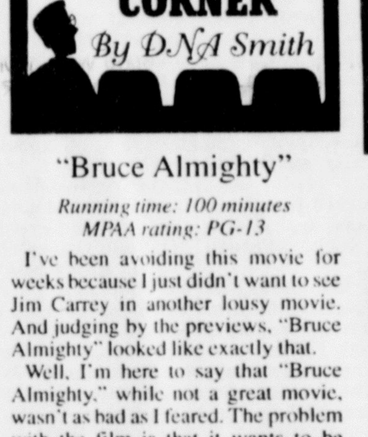
Well, I'm here to say that "Bruce Almighty," while not a great movie, wasn't as bad as I feared. The problem with the film is that it wants to be "Liar Liar" and "It's a Wonderful Life" combined, and the result is that it isn't much of either.

Carrey plays Bruce Nolan, a reporter for a local TV station in Buffalo, N.Y., whose beat is wacky human-interest stories. Bruce hates being the clown and longs for the day when he can sit at the anchor's desk.

While on a live remote, he finds out that he's been passed over for the anchor position and goes ballistic — insulting people around him and even using the dreaded F-word on the air to his employers. Of course, he loses his job. He also has his car trashed and is beaten up by thugs. Bruce is having a bad day and curses God for his misfortune.

God (Morgan Freeman) summons Bruce and says that he can take over for God while he takes a vacation — meaning that Bruce will have all of God's powers and has the job of looking after the Universe.

Now, this premise is ripe with comic opportunities. I mean, Jim Carrey with godlike powers? Instead, the film's weak, lazy script doesn't take advantage of this premise — to the point of rehashing Jimmy Hoffa jokes. Hoffa?



Jim Carrey parts his soup.

To be fair, there are about three scenes in "Bruce Almighty" that are comic gems; but the preachy last act and the rest of the tired plot just drag this movie down.

It's not worth the price of admission, but "Bruce Almighty" would make a pretty good rental when it comes out on video — which should be next Thursday, I think.

Grade: C

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History is a race between education and catastrophe.
—H.G. Wells

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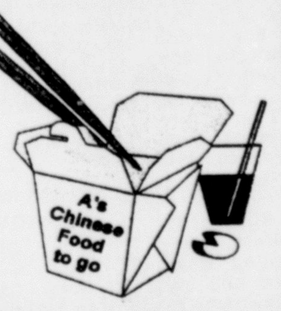

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CELEBRITY extra

by Evelyn Green

Q. As a Democrat who is also a longtime admirer of Ronald Reagan, I'd love to know if there really will be a TV movie about him and Nancy. —*Alyce H.*

A. CBS is already at work on a two-part miniseries about the former Republican president and his wife, which is expected to air next season. It's called "The Reagans" and is based on Carl Sferazza Anthony's book, "First Ladies: The Saga of the President's Wives and Their Power 1961-1990." The film starts in the 1940s when Ronald Reagan was an actor and president of the Screen Actors Guild (he was still a Democrat at that time, incidentally) and will continue on through his and Nancy's lives in the White House.

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Q. I have two questions about "NYPD Blue." First, who played David Caruso's ("CSI: Miami") wife when he was on the show? One of my friends says it was Cheryl Ladd from the "Charlie's Angels" series. Is that true?

My second question has to do with Gordon Clapp, who plays Detective Medavoy. Is it true he speaks fluent Chinese? Thanks. — *Karen K.*

A. Caruso's estranged wife on the series was played by Sherry Stringfield (ER).

Gordon Clapp doesn't speak Chinese but apparently Medavoy does. At least, he spoke some Chinese in an episode a few years ago.

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The happiest people seem to be those who have no particular reason for being so except that they are so.
—William Ralph Inge

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WASHINGTON NEWS ITEMS

The Sacto River registered twelve feet one inch U. S. gauge at the S. P. bridge yesterday.

Rev. Samuel Klein, D. D., of New York, with a brother minister of the Evangelical Church have been visitors at the West Side Auto Camp during the past few days and expect to stay for several days to come. They are quietly investigating the condition of affairs around the state particularly relating to the prohibition question but they are mostly enjoying the California climate during the spring season. They make no bones about their purposes and are taking an extended vacation because they believe in seeing America first, although many Californians are now on their way to Europe or intend going there in the near future. There is no concealment about their persons nor are they using any disguise of any kind. Wearied with overwork in the field of Christ endeavor, they are simply going along observing what may be seen and inquiring into the habits, manners and customs of the people. Rev. Klein has had a distinguished career and gets down on the level with the average citizen of the United States in the desire to find out what the people of the United States think and what their desires are.

Sheriff J. W. Monroe was a visitor in Washington yesterday on official matters connected with his office. Greatly pleased with the condition of moral affairs around the community in Washington, Sheriff Monroe expressed himself greatly pleased that he had succeeded in quelling noxious trouble that made this section of Yolo County the butt of several Woodland papers who seem to hold a grudge against it.

Regular service will be established at the new service station lately built by McNally and Partridge near the entrance to the new subway leading to the M Street road. This service station has cost the owners considerable, the total being at least $3,000, while labor was put in on it by the proprietors that was not counted in the cost of construction.

J. J. Schulke and J. A. Newman, who lately purchased the lease and stock of the West Sacramento Auto Exchange from J. N. Carroll report that business is of the best kind and a continued stream of patrons are taking advantage of the low prices they quote on used automobiles. Newman and Schulke are not strangers in this locality, having spent more than a year in Yolo County in other affairs. They desire to advise their friends that they will conduct the business purchased from Carroll in the manner in which it was conducted during the past two years. Carroll has been offered more inducements to devote his time to other affairs at which he can make better returns. Carroll is a steeplejack who has traveled around the state for many years and scarcely a spire exists that has not been visited by him in one capacity or another.

Mrs. L. Harris, who pretends to be a breeder of fancy chickens, advised the Independent yesterday that within the past ten days one of her turkelettes laid six double-yolk eggs, a record unsurpassed by any fowl of that kind so far known in the state. Mrs. Harris takes a pleasure in breeding and raising table fowl but never intended to break the record in egg-laying contests. The record above has anything beat so far published in the state of California. The turkelette differs from the turken in that the cross is made between a rooster and a turkey rather than between a turkey and a hen.

Thieves have been active during the past two weeks in the West Sacramento Auto Camp purloining what they may get their hands on and entering cabins and tents while owners are absent. Pearson Brothers have been greatly annoyed by the reports coming to them from the campers and are keeping an active lookout at night time for any stray hoboes who may be found around the camp. Deputy Sheriff Powers, who acts as night-watchman, will not hesitate to take a shot at any individual who may be found around the West Sacramento Auto Camp and has orders to make arrests on finding persons in the camp not entitled to be there after sunset.

Suit has been commenced by A. F. Turner of West Sacramento against Jose Ramos for $30.50, claimed by Turner to be premium on an insurance policy which has not yet expired. Ramos claims that the premium has been paid and the case is now before Judge Barry in the local court for adjudication. Further proofs of payment have been asked by Judge Barry and the case will be settled early next week.

Suit has been commenced by Tom Miller against Louis Caffero for $257, together with interest and costs, which Miller claims Caffero owes him for working as watchman during several months at the Bluebird Inn. A. H. McCurdy, a Sacramento attorney, is acting as legal counsel for Miller, but so far Caffero has not been represented in court.

Julio's Italian Restaurant, 303 J St. 75-cent chicken and ravioli dinner Sunday, 11 to 2 p. m., 5 o'clock on. Coolest dining room in Sacramento. (adv

The charge of battery made against Tom Dupzyk last week by T. Morelli was dismissed last Monday by Judge Barry because Morelli refused to prosecute. The cause of action was brought by the fact that Morelli's boy became obstreperous in the vicinity of the Dupzyk home and was slightly punished by Dupzyk.

Charles F. Fay has been in the Southern Pacific Hospital in Sacramento during the past week suffering from an incipient case of diabetes. Last Wednesday Mrs. F. W. Todhunter, his sister, Mrs. V. De Riso, Jr., and

Large Fuel Corporation, California Petroleum Co., Will Locate Great Plant In Washington

Monday last a 20,000 gallon tank was unloaded from the Southern Pacific spur at Fifth and Harriett streets for the California Petroleum Corporation of California, the first unit of a large plant that is to be loacted at this side of the river to supply the increasing trade for fuel in this section of California.

Clarence Herndon, with the Associated Oil Company at Front and Y streets in Sacramento during the last nine years, has been appointed district manager for this corporation in the northern part of the state and particularly for the Sacramento Valley.

The construction engineer, V. C. Douglas, is the moving power in the locating of the plant in Washington and it is under his direction that the plant, now being placed, is located here.

Temporarily the property owned by Fraser & Doyle will be used by the California Petroleum Corporation as a base to distribute its supplies but Herndon advises the Independent that later on a permanent location will be secured from several sites that have already been offered for the plant.

It is reported to the Independent, also, that the California Petroleum Corporation has at the present time 661 producing oil wells and already it has three refineries on the coast.

Lately the California Petroleum Corporation took over the Ventura Oil Company of the State at a cost of $4,000,000, also the Mohawk Oil Company of California at a cost of $3,000,000.

The total incorporation of the California Petroleum Corporation is $125,000,000.

Speaking to the Independent, Herndon said yesterday:

"We are greatly encouraged by the reception given us by the dealers, both wholesale and retail, at this side of the river and in Sacramento. Our corporation dealt in crude oils alone during fifteen years but lately entered the refining business and is now in the field to compete with the strongest corporations in California.

"The jurisdiction of this office extends from Galt on the south to the northern end of the Sacramento Valley and in order to supply this great territory it is the intention of the corporation to locate a permanent plant of great magnitude either at this side of the river or in Sacramento as the location suits and as the price is within reason."

Temporarily, the property owned by Fraser & Doyle will be used as a distributing base, but no fixtures placed by the corporation in that location will be settled in a permanent way.

SERVICE STATION HELD UP SUNDAY NIGHT BY TWO MEN

The Potola Service Station on the state highway leading to the new subway in West Sacramento was held up last Sunday night by two men, one of whom was armed, at about 11:45 P. M.

At that hour H. S. Rogers, owner of the service station, was in the place in the back room writing official letters for the partners. Being a warm evening, he left the door open, even though he had practically suspended business.

Suddenly two men entered the place, one about 45 years of age, carrying a gun, the other a youth about eighteen years.

Ordered to throw up his hands, he did so, when the robbers searched him and took from his pocket the receipts of the previous day which he had prepared for the bank next morning, amounting to $38.50. The receipts for that day (Sunday) were still in the cash register and were not touched.

After holding up Rogers, the two men cooly walked out of the station and took the road toward Westgate. Rogers did not follow because there was no possibility of his making an arrest or taking a shot at the intruders. In the light they could see him but he could not see them.

They escaped without intereference.

He reported the matter immediately to Sheriff Monroe at Woodland and Constable Wilson in Washington but no trace of the robbers has been found.

WEST SACRAMENTO IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION MEETS MAY 7

At West Sacramento headquarters on May 7th the West Sacramento Improvement Association will hold its meeting. This will be the regular monthly meeting which is scheduled for the first Friday of every month.

At that meeting the principal subject up for discussion will be the Memorial Bridge, which question will be discussed by E. C. Parsons, who has been active in promoting the proposal during the past year or more.

At the hearing lately granted by the United States engineers on this question, Mr. Parsons took a leading part and in order to get the support and backing of the people of this section of Yolo County he desires the opportunity of making an extended explanation.

F. ELY'S HAT IN RING FOR AUDITOR

Frank Ely, member of a prominent pioneer Yolo county family formally announces himself a candidate for the office of county auditor, now held by R. P. Wallace, who indicates that he will not attempt to succeed himself. Ely announces that he will make every effort to be elected and that if he is he will serve his constituency to the best of his ability. Ely is a resident of the town of Yolo. He is a college man and for years was connected with the Southern Pacific company in the capacity of auditor.

turned to her home where she is still under the care of a nurse.

Thomas Dupzyk has gone to San Francisco to visit his father, Stephen Dupzyk, who last week underwent a serious operation at the Southern Pacific hospital.

F. C. Buckingham has been called to Reno, Nev., through the serious illness of his sister, Jeanette, who recently underwent an operation.

Joe, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marty, fell last Saturday and suffered a broken arm.

After spending the week-end in Oakland and Claremont, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Hart, Mrs. Calia Hart and Fred

STEAMBOAT SLOUGH BRIDGE CELEBRATION ON MAY 8TH

The complete program for the celebration of the opening of the Paintersville and Steamboat-Slough bridges, to be held in Courtland on the afternoon of May 8th, was announced here today by D. O. Elliot, one of the committeemen in charge of arrangements.

The celebration will open at one o'clock with a parade to the Paintersville bridge. It will be followed by a program of speaking, music and refreshments. A baseball game between teams representing the Galt and Courtland High Schools will be another feature. In the evening a grand ball will conclude the celebration.

J. I. Elliot has been chosen to act as chairman of the meeting. There will be addresses by Supervisors Howard K. Johnson and John Schofield, Superior Judge Peter J. Shields, County Engineer C. W. Deterding, George W. Peltier and Stephen W. Downey and music by the Sacramento School Concert Band and the Courtland Grammar School.

Committees chosen to handle the celebration follow:

Finance—D. H. Osborn, J. B. Miller, D. O. Elliot and H. W. Warren.

Refreshments—J. B. Miller, D. O. Elliot, D. H. Osborn.

Entertainment—E. H. Myers, W. J. Binkley, C. E. King, D. O. Elliot and Gene Irving.

Decorations—Dr. T. J. Hassett, H. W. Warren and E. G. Neistrath.

DINGWALL'S DEALS IN SHEEP BRING TROUBLE

Woodland, April 27.—Through the settlement here late yesterday of a suit brought by Samuel Harbinson of Harbinson Brothers, Inc., for the recovery of a band of sheep from E. Fraser, prominent Rio Vista rancher, another development in the case of M. N. "Scotty" Dingwall, young sheepherder, who has just started a state's prison term for sheep stealing, became known.

Harbinson learned that Fraser bought sheep in good faith from Dingwall, not realizing that the young Scotchman had robbed the Harbinson flocks. After Harbinson had filed a court action in Solano County as a matter of technical procedure, the attorneys of the two sheep men began conferences and helped their clients effect a satisfactory settlement out of court.

The agreement was reached late yesterday in the offices of Arthur B. Eddy of the local law firm of Armfield and Eddy. Fraser is to return 151 head of sheep which he bought from Dingwall, paying the "Scotch Sheik" $2300. The Rio Vista man is out that sum of money by reason of the fraud committed by Dingwall.

Harbinson did not learn until after Dingwall's arrest by Sheriff J. W. Monroe a month ago that the young herdsman had robbed his flocks. The complaint brought against Fraser states that the sheep were stolen on or about December 20, 1925.

Dingwall's statements to Sheriff Monroe after his arrest gave Harbinson the first inkling of the thieveries. The herdsman is said to have later denied stealing any of the Harbinson sheep, but Fraser told Harbinson that he had purchased 190 sheep from Dingwall and by the means of twenty-four different ear marks and brands 151 sheep in the Fraser corrals were identified as Harbinson's. The latter made demand for the sheep last April 18th.

Several lambs came along after Fraser took possession of the sheep, adding considerable value to the

FISHERMEN'S STRIKE WILL MAKE NO SCARCITY IN SACRAMENTO

At a meeting of the striking fishermen on the Sacramento River held in Pittsburg last Tuesday night it was decided that Sacramento wholesalers, principally Meredith & Co., would not be handicapped in supplying the market with fish.

It was also decided at that meeting that the striking fishermen would not supply the San Francisco market because San Francisco wholesalers refused to deal fairly with the fishermen.

As explained to the Independent, it seems that the San Francisco wholesalers will only take 500 pounds of shad every day from the fishermen, for which they allow 1 cent per pound, but for female shad containing shad roe, they allow 5 cents per pound.

The fishermen cannot throw back into the stream buck shad for in so doing they are liable for prosecution.

The demands of the fishermen is that the wholesalers take at least 500 pounds of any kind of shad taken out of the stream or their entire catch.

The fishermen also want the San Francisco wholesalers to accept all salmon taken in the river at 12½ cents per pound until May 15th and subsequently all salmon taken according to the supply.

Bass is now being accepted by the San Francisco dealers at 10 cents per pound from the fishermen, which price the fishermen are satisfied to accept.

The principal trouble centers on the price of shad which is plentiful in the river at this season of the year.

The fishermen claim that it costs them $1000 for the necessary gear to equip themselves to fish and if they sell shad at 1 cent per pound, giving the wholesalers a choice, they cannot make a living.

Another meeting will be held next Friday night at Pittsburg.

PETTY INTERFERENCE WITH LIBERTY IRRITATES PEOPLE

Twenty thousand motorists were waved to the curb in California by state traffic officers during the month of March and told to explain why they were traveling too fast or otherwise breaking the motor vehicle laws. The explanations given by 5,315 of these failed to convince the officers and they were placed under arrest.

The statistics, which were made public today by Will H. Marsh, chief of the division of motor vehicles, also show that these roadside conversations resulted in fines totaling $29,476.50 for the month. The officers were also responsible for the collection of $13,540.95 in delinquent fees from motorists who had forgotten to pay.

A drive coducted in San Francisco during the month by a division inspector and four local traffic men resulted in the discovery that 3,000 chauffeurs were operating in that city without a license. They paid $2 each for the privilege of remaining at work. The traffic officers rode 340,453 miles during the month.

The largest number of motorists stopped, 1942, is credited to the Imperial County squad, while Kern County men were second with 1698. Alameda County officers led in arrests with 897. San Diego County judges showed the least disposition toward leniency, the total fines there being $3,749.

GETTIN' RICH IN SCOTLAND

London, April 8.—An estimate of the United Kingdom Alliance is that bootleg whisky shipped indirectly to the United States last year approximated 1,500,000 proof gallons for which the Scottish distillers received £2,000,000 (about $10,000,000).

prisonment in the Yolo County jail but the former foreman for Moore and Peterson would not involve others in his crimes. He denied that there were any confederates, but sheep men claim that he could not have operated so successfully alone.

Dingwall is 29 years old. His term in San Quentin has not been fixed by the prison board. He will be given from 1 to 14 years. He pleaded guilty here two weeks ago to stealing 200 sheep from George Borchers.

ADELE MARTY MAY BE CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Woodland, April 29.—Now that Miss Harriett S. Lee has announced her intention of not seeking re-election for the office of county superintendent of schools, announcements of candidates are in order. In this behalf the first to indicate intention of seeking the position at the coming primaries is Miss Adele R. Marty, teacher of the Monument school located at Elkhorn where Miss Marty resides. The prospective candidate is a young woman with many friends and of a charming personality.

Miss Marty has been offered quite a lucrative position with the schools at Santa Barbara for the coming term, but hesitates in making any decision in contemplation of seeking an office to which she hoped to some day aspire at the opportune time.

SEE WHAT JACKASS IS DOING

Residents of Guinda were amazed Saturday to see two deer walking through the streets. The pair was a spike buck and a doe, which had evidently strayed down from the mountains to graze on the creek. The deer came to town through a field belonging to E. E. Boek, going into another belonging to Wirt Pierce. When last seen they were headed down a lane back of the Southern Pacific depot in Guinda, after traversing the main street.

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The following person is doing business as 1650 Digital Design, 1711 Westshore St., Davis CA 95616:

Daniel Rubins, same address.

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The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on 6-1-00.

/s/Daniel Rubins

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Filed May 15, 2003
File No. 2003-462

The following person is doing business as D&K Enterprises, 30 Clark Ct., Woodland CA 95776:

Diane Koch, same address.

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/s/Diane Koch

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The following person is doing business as BC Seats, 217 W. Kentucky Ave., Woodland CA 95695.

Jason Paschke, same address.

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/s/Jason Paschke

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Filed May 29, 2003
File No. 2003-491

The following person is doing business as Vattar Group, 1105 Kennedy Pl #1, Davis CA 95616.

Henry House, same address.

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/s/Henry House

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed June 13, 2003
File No. 2003-548

The following person is doing business as The News-Ledger; The West Sacramento News-Ledger, 1040 West Capitol Ave., Suite B, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Michael P. Garten, same address.

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/s/Steve Marschke for M. Garten

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed May 28, 2003
File No. 2003-489

The following person is doing business as Bronzestone, 1626 Park Blvd., W. Sacramento CA 95691.

John Joachin, same address.

This business is conducted by an Individual.

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/s/John Joachin

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Date: May 28, 2003
by: /s/Kristin Hunt, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF WAREHOUSE LIEN SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the property described below will be sold as is at public sale on July 3, 2003 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at Space 64, Westwind Estates located at 1399 Sacramento Avenue, West Sacramento, California in order to satisfy the lien claimed by the owner of the above mentioned mobilehome park for storage and other related charges incurred by Janet Acuna, Ralph Ferro and Julie Ferro. The sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens and encumbrances of record except for possible liens of unpaid mobilehome registration fees and unpaid taxes, if any. The Creditor reserves the right to require the removal of the unit from the Westwind Estates within 48 hours after the sale. In the event that this right is not exercised, prospective purchasers who desire to reside in the unit on-site are cautioned to be familiar with California Civil Code Section 798.4 and 798.5. Prospective purchasers must tender a cashier's check for the full amount of the purchase immediately at the conclusion of the sale. Except for the warranty that this sale is authorized by law, absolutely no warranties of sale are made. The park reserves the right to postpone and reschedule the sale without further notice. The general public will have access to the Mobilehome Park premises for purposes related to this sale.

A description of the property to be sold is:

One (1) 1985 Champion Manatee Single Family Mobilehome; California HCD Decal No.: LAK2890; Serial Nos.: 0968507853A & 0968507853B; HUD Label/Insignia Nos.: CAL313639 & CAL313640; Length: 48'; Width: 24'.

NOTE: The creditor claiming this lien will make a minimum opening credit bid of at least $3,749.53.

DATED: June 10, 2003
/s/Michael H. Mihelich
Attorney for Westwind Estates Mobilehome Park

June 18 & 25

Fictitious Business Name Statement
Filed April 28, 2003
File No. 2003-403

The following person is doing business as Villafuerte Trucking, 741 East St. #342, Woodland CA 95776:

Jose Villafuerte, same address.

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/s/Jose Villafuerte

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Commitment unlocks the doors of imagination, allows vision, and gives us the "right stuff" to turn our dreams into reality.

—James Womack

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Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

— Anonymous

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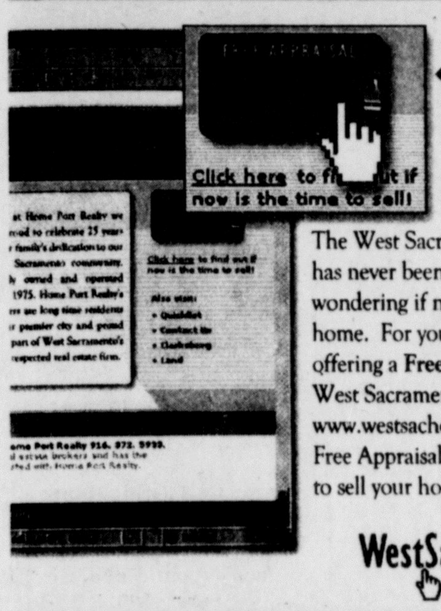

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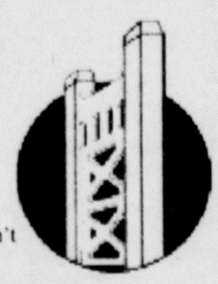

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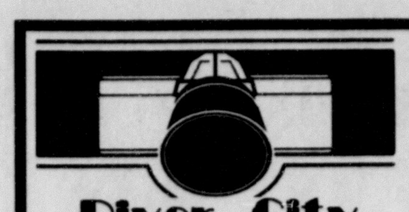

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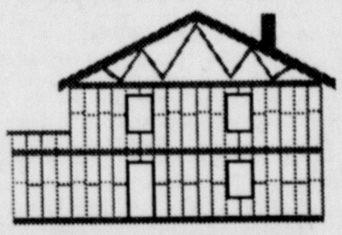

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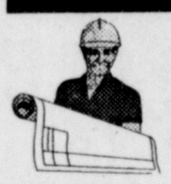

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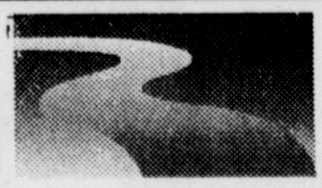

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Local Scene

Fireworks

West Sacramento's free fireworks show – 'BridgeFest' – will return on Thursday evening, July 3, with prime viewing on the Daniel C. Palamidessi Bridge near Industrial Blvd. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. The bridge will close to cars beginning at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be sold near the north base of the bridge beginning at 6 p.m., and fireworks will begin about 9:30 p.m. The event is coordinated by the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, with support from the city.

Movie night

First Southern Baptist Church will host an "old time comedy movie night" at 7 p.m. on Sat., July 12, at 2124 Michigan Blvd. The public is invited. Call 372-6471 or 371-2111 for information.

RCHS registration

Registration for River City High School will begin July 21. Visit the office at 1100 Clarenson St. to pick up a registration packet. You will need a proof of address (phone/utility bill), immunization record, withdrawal or check-out papers from former school, unofficial transcript, birth certificate and social security number to register. For information, call 375-7800.

Summer teen camp

West Sacramento's Club West presents a "summer teen camp" for kids entering 7th and 8th grades. Activities include a camp-out, guest speakers, trips, lunch, games and more. June 30 to Aug. 8, weekdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is only $15 per week for 20 hours of weekly activities. Funded by Measure K. Call the Dept. of Parks & Community Services, 617-4620, or Club West at 373-5877.

Farmers Market

West Sacramento's summer farmers' market has returned. The market is held on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Whitey's Jolly Kone, at Jefferson Blvd. and 15th Street. Fruits, vegetables & crafts.

Calling all GOP

The West Sacramento Chapter of the Yolo Co. Republican Central Committee invites new members. Call 375-0700.

July 4 BBQ

West Sacramento Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8762 will host a barbecue picnic on July 4, from 4-6 p.m. at 905 Drever St. $6 donation.

Interfaith

People from different faith traditions are invited to the West Sacramento Interfaith Gathering's monthly brown bag luncheon on Friday, July 11, at noon at the Center for Spiritual Awareness, 1020 W. Capitol Ave. Call 371-8804 for more information. The group also invites you to its annual Summer Event, on July 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the same location. Potluck dinner at 6:30, interfaith forum at 7 p.m. and dessert at 8 p.m. Child care to be provided.

Golf for charity

The West Sacramento Foundation's annual 444 Golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 14 at Lighthouse Marina Golf Course, with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. The foundation supports community charities. For more information, call Merrin Gerety at (916) 641-1500 or visit www.westsacramentofoundation.org.

New classes

Learn to relax and improve balance with Tai Chi classes on Sundays, 7:45-8:45 a.m. Learn Chinese calligraphy on Wednesdays from 2:30-4 p.m. Unwind from a hectic life with meditation classes, Thursdays 7:10-8:10 p.m. Philosophies of great Western intellectuals are taught Saturdays at 2:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Dharma Realm Buddhist Association, 374-8268.

Rib dinner

The West Sacramento Elks will host a pork rib dinner on Saturday, July 5 from 6-8:30 p.m. All you can eat for $10. Kids 12 and uner dine for $4. Call 372-2980 or 372-3057.

City hall wants blood

The City of West Sacramento will sponsor a blood drive for Sacramento BloodSource on Tuesday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 2: p.m. at the civic center, 1110 West Capitol Ave. Summer donations are particularly needed because so many regular donors are on vacation and the car accident rate drives demand high. Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. To make an appointment, call Kryss Rankin, 617-4500.

Camp 'Read a Lot'

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library at 1212 Merkley Ave. is sponsoring "camps" for kids from June 14 to Aug. 16. Events include programs at 3 p.m. for kids age 5 and up on Tuesdays, Saturday programs for those 5 and up at 3 p.m.; and preschool story time for campers age 3-5 on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays 6:30 p.m., with a special preschool event on Sat., June 14, from 3-4 p.m., which includes stories and gymnastics. Call 375-6465. Kids can also "read their way to prizes" including a free book and personal pizza this summer.

Recreational swim

The swimming pools at Golden State Middle School are opening soon for recreational swimming and family swimming. Call the city parks department, 617-4620 for hours and details.

Midnight basketball

Kids age 12-18 are invited to free "midnight basketball" play on Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight, beginning June 21 at Golden State Middle School. Sponsored by the West Sacramento Police Department. Participation waiver is required. Call Officer Estrada, 372-2461 ext. 153.

Vacation Bible School

The theme for Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church is "Trailblazers," featuring stories, crafts, games, guest appearances, snacks and prizes. Forkids age 3 through grade 8, daily July 14-18 from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 371-4061.

Class of '83

River City High School's Class of 1983 is holding its 20th reunion on July 26 at the Dante Club off of Fair Oaks. Call Addie Goncalves, 916-759-0465, or email your address to RCHS83Reunion@charter.net.

Cheap bus fare

Yolobus is again offering the

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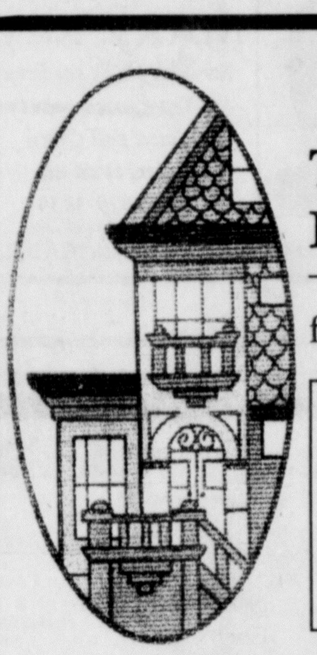

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Answers to Sports Quiz (p. 3) & Puzzles (p. 8)

1. It was 1982-83.
2. Jim Thome (1997, 2001, 2002).
3. Marvin Harrison of the Indianapolis Colts did it in 2002 in his 102nd NFL game.
4. His Army team beat Worcester Tech in 1965.
5. It was 1994, when Vancouver lost to the New York Rangers in seven games.
6. Olga Korbut.
7. The Byron Nelson Classic.

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Rational Numbers answers

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Differences: 1. "Game" sign is different. 2. Word "PARK" is black. 3. More symbols above man's head. 4. Ball is different. 5. Man has catcher's glove. 6. No building in background

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2002 Citizens' Financial Report

County of Yolo, 2001-2002 Fiscal Year

Charting our Fiscal Future

By Vic Singh, CAO and Howard Newens, Auditor-Controller

It is our pleasure to present to you the first County of Yolo Citizens' Financial Report. This report provides key information about the County's finances for the 2001-2002 fiscal year.

Fiscal responsibility is a key value of Yolo County government. Presently, our challenge is to sustain current levels of service to our citizenry despite uncertain State and Federal revenues. Our uncertainty is caused by the dramatic slowdown in our nation's economy and is related to the County's dependence on the State of California's fiscal health.

During fiscal year 2001-2002, Yolo County achieved a balanced budget while completing several major projects. These projects included: consolidating most social services into a new leased building, creating a public authority to oversee in-home support services for the elderly and disabled, selling tobacco settlement receipts to generate a guaranteed permanent revenue stream for the County, obtaining State funding for a much-needed new juvenile hall, reaching an unprecedented agreement with the Rumsey Indian Tribe to mitigate the effects of its casino expansion, and improving employee compensation to make the County a more competitive employer.

Thanks to the Board of Supervisors' judicious management of County resources, the County was able to increase its unrestricted net assets by $13 million. These additional resources were set aside as reserves for anticipated cost increases and other contingencies.

Now it's the 2002-2003 fiscal year, with another balanced budget totaling more than $240 million. Our County and local cities will inevitably share in the burden of the State's $38 billion fiscal deficit. In preparation for the crisis ahead, the County has taken steps to reduce expenditures, such as imposing a restricted hiring freeze and undertaking a prioritization of all County programs to determine where strategic cuts could be made.

The next several months will be a time of retrenchment for our County's government as we prepare for the 2003-2004 budget. We will have to concentrate on those high priority services that are necessary to sustain the quality of life of our citizens and devise ways to provide those services efficiently and effectively.

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EMPLOYMENT Statistics

In 2000, 45% of all jobs in Yolo County were in industries often employing those workers most challenged to balance their incomes with their essential expenses. These industries included services, retail trade, manufacturing and agriculture.

According to the Sacramento Area Council of Governments, annual employment growth will be 2.8%, but most new jobs will be in services and retail trade. As the County's number of income-challenged workers rises, so will the demand for County services to address needs for adequate food and shelter, childcare, transportation, healthcare and job training.

employment STATISTICS

Yolo County - 2000
Employment by Industry

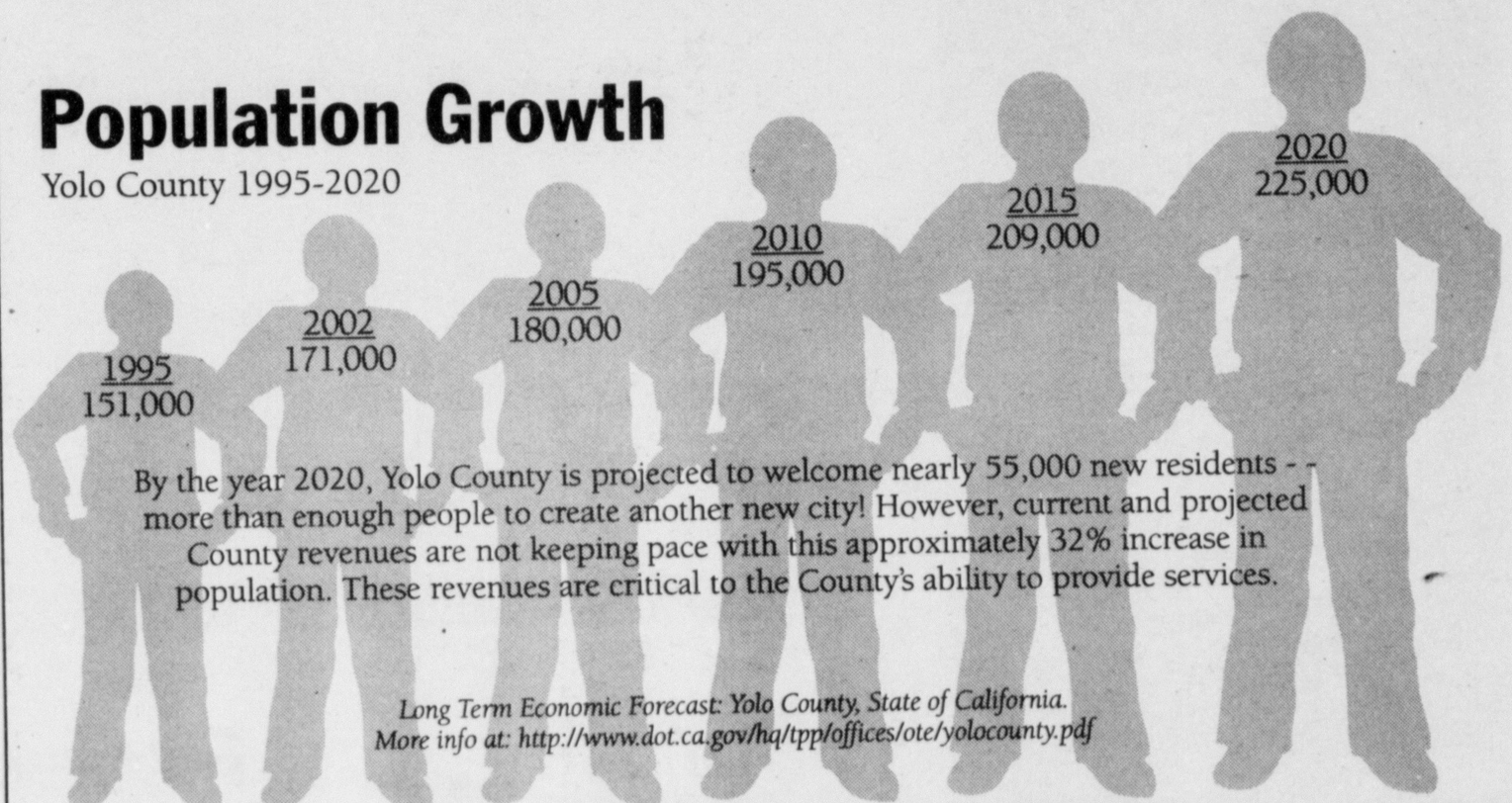
31.5%	Government*
16.2%	Services
16.0%	Retail Trade
7.6%	Wholesale Trade
6.8%	Transportation & Public Utilities
6.6%	Manufacturing
5.4%	Agriculture
5.0%	Finance, Insurance & Real Estate
4.9%	Construction & Mining

* *Includes Federal, state, county and city agencies*

Labor Market Information Division of the California Employment Development Department, www.calmis.ca.gov

Population Growth

Yolo County 1995-2020



By the year 2020, Yolo County is projected to welcome nearly 55,000 new residents - - more than enough people to create another new city! However, current and projected County revenues are not keeping pace with this approximately 32% increase in population. These revenues are critical to the County's ability to provide services.

Long Term Economic Forecast: Yolo County, State of California.
More info at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/offices/ote/yolocounty.pdf

The Big Picture

Did you know

Each year, the Yolo County Planning and Public Works Road Maintenance Division maintains 803 miles of roadway and 170 bridges throughout the county. This task required nearly $3.5 million during the '01-'02 fiscal year.

Fast Fact: to complete all deferred maintenance on Yolo County roads and bridges would require a $30 million dollar expenditure.

Household Income

While household incomes have risen in Yolo County over the past decade, 18.4% of all residents still live below the poverty line. This group represents the most frequent users of County services. Yolo County is the second poorest county in the six-county Sacramento region, behind Yuba County. Although income levels are projected to rise just under 2% per year over the next 20 years, Yolo County incomes may continue to lag behind region-wide and statewide averages during that period.

2000 United States Census data, CensusScope, www.censusscope.org/us/s6/c113/chart_income.html

Household Income*

Amount	Percent
Less than $9,999	11.47%
$10,000 - 14,999	6.75%
$15,000 - 24,999	13.26%
$25,000 - 34,999	11.84%
$35,000 - 49,999	15.62%
$50,000 - 74,999	17.96%
$75,000 - 99,999	10.11%
$100,000 - 149,999	8.61%
$150,000 - 199,999	2.55%
$200,000 and above	1.83%

**Yolo County, 2000*

Did you know

During the '01-'02 fiscal year, Yolo County booked 6,321 inmates at Monroe Detention Center, an increase of more than 5% over the preceding fiscal year. While city police departments make their own arrests, they rely upon the County to provide jail services.

Bookings by city in fiscal year 2001-2002:

Davis
900
UC Davis Police Dept.
84
West Sacramento
2,074
Winters
116
Woodland
1,617
Unincorporated County
1,530

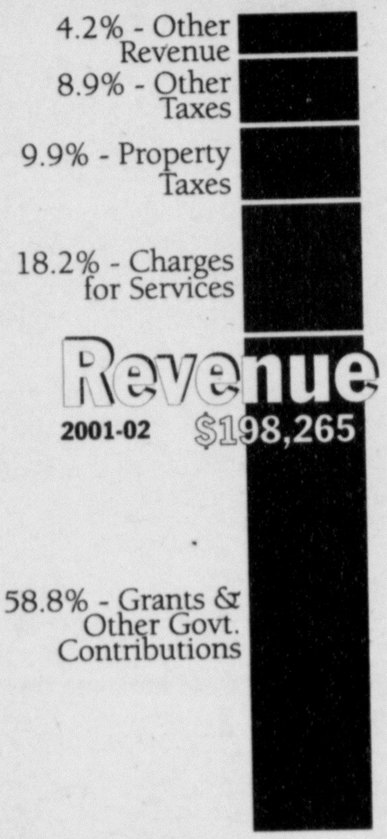
During the same year, the Yolo County Sheriff's Department responded to 34,729 calls for service...an 11% increase over the prior fiscal year.

Did you know

Businesses and residents in unincorporated Yolo County generated 75,920 tons of waste in 2000. Of that, 65% was recycled and only 35% was sent to landfills. This exceeded the State-mandated goal to cut the County's disposed waste to 50%.

Although each city in Yolo County maintains its own waste collection program, all waste ultimately becomes the County's responsibility upon arrival at the Central Landfill.

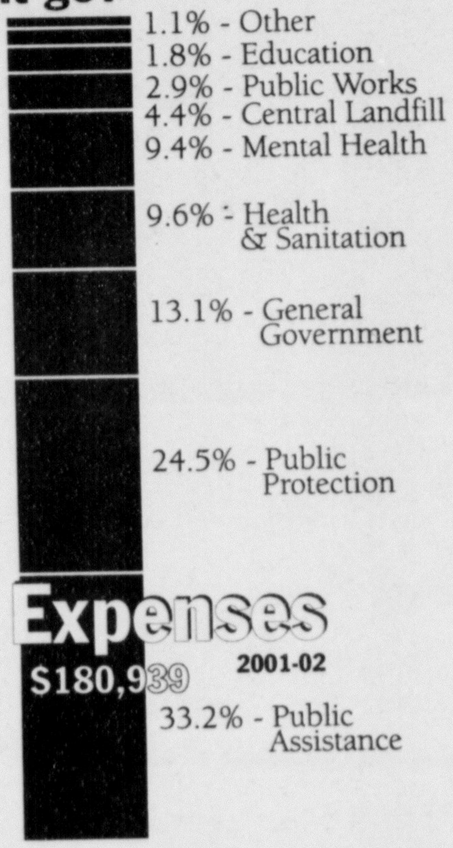
*Money: Where does it come from and where does it go?



The majority of Yolo County's revenue comes from grants and State and Federal budgets. Associated mandates and guidelines leave very little of the County's revenue to be spent in a discretionary manner (see graph on left).

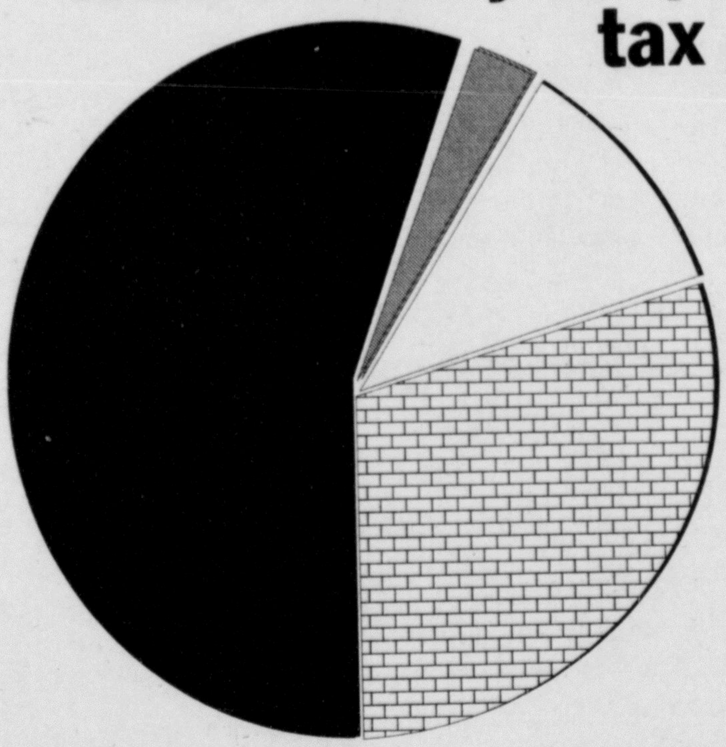
Public Assistance is the largest line item in the County's budget (see graph on right). Projected trends in population growth and employment opportunities indicate that costs for Public Assistance will probably rise disproportionately to other budget areas. However, all budget items will require additional funding as the County's population grows.

Revenue and expenses represented in thousands



Where We Stand

*Where does your property tax go?



Only 10% of property tax revenue remains with Yolo County. This percentage is not projected to increase significantly in coming years.

Did you know

The Environmental Health Services Dept. is responsible for ensuring the cleanliness and health and safety standards of all Yolo County eating establishments, even those within incorporated cities.

1,118 inspections of Yolo County restaurants, delis, bakeries and bars were conducted during fiscal year '01-'02.

*What We Have

The following Statement of Net Assets reports what Yolo County owns or controls (assets), what it owes (liabilities), and what is left over after assets have been used to satisfy liabilities (net assets) as of June 30, 2002.

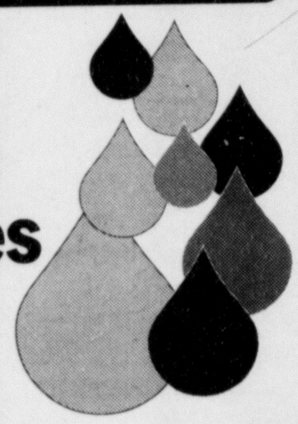
(All numbers below in thousands)

Assets	
Current and other assets	$ 103,407
Capital assets	$ 70,099
Total Assets	$ 173,506
Liabilities	
Current and other liabilities	$ 28,638
Long-term liabilities	$ 39,071
Total Liabilities	$ 67,709
Net Assets	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	$ 56,226
Restricted	$ 11,107
Unrestricted	$ 38,464
Total Net Assets	$ 105,797

** Extracted from the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. See page one for report availability. Prepared in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.*

Meeting Future Needs

Developing Rainy Day Reserves



While current contingencies and reserves look impressive, they are actually dwindling and are only 8.2% of the 2002-2003 budget. Increasing reserves by self-imposing financial prudence now will enable the County to better weather the budget crisis ahead. Contingency funds can only be used with a 4/5 approval of the Board of Supervisors.

(All numbers below in thousands)

Contingencies:	
General Contingency	$ 2,500
Contingency of Unfunded State Mandates & Undetermined Contract Obligations	$ 1,420
Other	$ 211
Total Contingencies	$ 4,131

Reserves For:	
Negotiated Benefit Increases	$ 4,500
Contracts-in-Force	$ 2,359
New Juvenile Hall	$ 1,300
General Reserve for Future Economic Uncertainties	$ 7,500
Total Reserves	$15,659

Total Contingencies & Reserves: $19,790

How Will We Do It?

More people. More "working poor." More demands on County services. Increased expectations. Diminishing resources.

This is Yolo County's financial future. But it doesn't have to be a bleak future, if County government acts now to conserve and grow current resources to cover the leaner times ahead.

How will Yolo County meet the challenge to provide the quality services that new and current residents expect from their County government today and in coming years?

- Implement cost savings and efficiencies
- Prioritize services and programs
- Maintain conservative and safe investment strategies
- Restrict hiring
- Find new resources

These actions will continue to challenge Yolo County's ability to maintain and potentially improve the standard of living for current and future residents, while simultaneously providing a foundation of fiscal stability.

That's sound management of public resources. That's Yolo County at work for taxpayers.

Did you know?

Yolo County's top 10 commodities in calendar year 2001:

Processing tomatoes
$68,752,000

Wine grapes
$33,241,000

Alfalfa hay
$31,839,000

Rice
$28,316,000

Seed crops
$17,079,000

Walnuts
$12,601,000

Wheat
$9,629,000

Cattle and calves
$9,485,000

Organic crops
$8,288,000

Field corn
$7,558,000

In 2001, organic crop production in Yolo County covered 6,253 acres and increased in value by nearly 25% over year 2000.

Finding New Resources

→ Unique Agreement With Indian Tribe

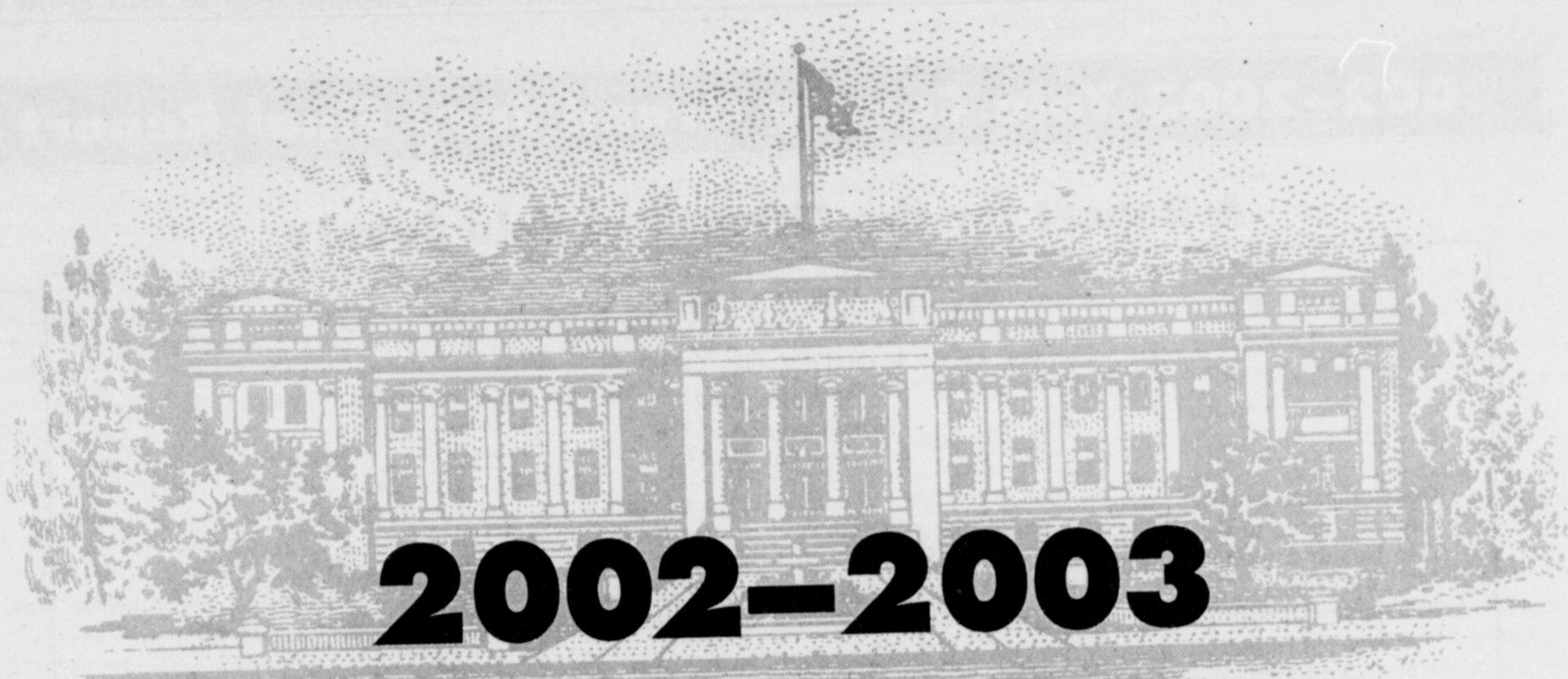
Last fall, an historic agreement reached between Yolo County and the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians resulted in a less aggressive casino expansion and more land reserved for agricultural conservation easements. Additionally, the tribe agreed to finance mitigation over the next 18 years, assisting the County in addressing a wide range of issues, including: state Route 16 enhancements, a potential park and ride lot for casino employees, casino wastewater treatment and creation of water conservation and groundwater quality programs, Capay Valley air quality maintenance and other direct and intangible costs incurred by the County as a result of casino expansion.

→ Advance Tobacco Settlement Receipts

Yolo County completed the sale of future tobacco settlement receipts last summer. In one lump sum of $23.3 million, the County received the estimated value of tobacco-generated revenues over the next 20 years.

Of the total, $11.7 million will become an endowment fund and $11.6 million a capital projects fund. The endowment fund is expected to generate $1 million annually toward general County operations. The capital funds will result in a new Health Department and Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health building and other projects aimed at making County facilities more energy efficient.

For more information, or to receive future financial updates, send an e-mail to: auditor@yolocounty.org, or write to the Auditor-Controller's office at P.O. Box 1268, Woodland, CA 95776-1268.



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FINAL REPORT

A report for the citizens of Yolo County, California

June 30, 2003
Woodland, California

2002–2003 Yolo County Grand Jury Final Report

A Report for the Citizens of Yolo County

GRAND JURY
County of Yolo
P.O. Box 2142
Woodland, CA 95776
June 30, 2003

The Honorable Michael Sweet
Advisory Judge to the Yolo County Grand Jury
Yolo County Superior/Municipal Court
625 Court Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Dear Judge Sweet:

As the foreperson of the Yolo County Grand Jury, it is my duty and pleasure to present to you and the citizens of Yolo County the **Final Report of the 2002-2003 Yolo County Grand Jury.**

This 2002-2003 Grand Jury included residents from Davis, Woodland, West Sacramento, Winters, and the unincorporated area of Yolo County. A wide range of educational and professional experience was represented. Grand Jury members have been outstanding in dedication and service. Consistently, all jurors were present for general meetings.

Service by the 2002-2003 Grand Jury can be seen in the following information:

- 18 complaints received and logged for review
- 9 complaints moved to the status of investigation
- 1 subpoenas processed and served
- 7 specialized work groups formed and charged
- 30-40 hours (on average) per month per juror devoted to Grand Jury duty

In addition to responding to citizen complaints, the 2002-2003 Grand Jury conducted many reviews of local government agencies and functions. These included:

- Yolo County Board of Supervisors – Rumsey Band Gaming Agreement
- Yolo County Communications Emergency Service Agency
- Yolo County Jails
- Juvenile Hall
- Yolo County Coroner
- Police Departments of Winters, Woodland, Davis, and West Sacramento
- Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Responses to the 2001-2002 Grand Jury Report

Past grand juries have acknowledged and this grand jury reiterates appreciation for:

- Employers who released jurors for extensive amounts of time, and jurors who were employed full-time and still fulfilled their Grand Jury commitments.
- Employees of Yolo County, both elected and appointed, whose dedication to Yolo County and the challenges that lie ahead is clearly evident
- Citizens of Yolo County, who have shared areas of concern that we have investigated or used as leads.
- The Presiding Judge, District Attorney, County Counsel, and Jury Commissioner for the assistance and advice provided during the course of this term

We learned about the inner workings of this county and have tried to communicate our findings to you.

Sincerely,

Keith Ott

Keith Ott
Foreperson
2002-2003 Yolo County Grand Jury

Introduction

The California Constitution requires each county to appoint a Grand Jury to guard the public interest by monitoring local government. The Yolo County Superior Court appoints 19[1] Grand Jurors each year from a pool of volunteers. The Yolo County Grand Jury is an official, independent body of the Court, not answerable to administrators or the Board of Supervisors.

Unlike grand juries in other states, a California Grand Jury's primary responsibility is to promote honesty and efficiency in government by reviewing the operations and performance of county and city governments, school districts, and special districts. Based on these reviews, the Grand Jury issues a report that may recommend changes in the way government conducts its business. Copies are distributed to public officials, county libraries, and the news media. The head of each government agency reviewed must respond to Grand Jury recommendations within 90 days. (See appendix for responses to the 2001–2002 Grand Jury report.)

The Grand Jury also investigates complaints from private citizens, local government officials, or government employees. Complaints must be submitted in writing and should include any supporting evidence available (you can request a complaint form at your local library or from the Grand Jury at P.O. Box 2142, Woodland, CA 95776). Grand Jurors are sworn to secrecy and, except in rare circumstances, records of their meetings may not be subpoenaed. This secrecy ensures that neither the identity of the complainant nor the testimony offered to the Grand Jury during its investigations will be revealed. The Grand Jury exercises its own discretion in deciding whether to conduct an investigation or to report its findings on citizen complaints. Any juror who has a personal interest in a particular investigation is recused from discussion and voting regarding that matter.

The findings in this document report the conclusions reached by the Grand Jury. Although all the findings are based upon evidence, they are the product of the Grand Jury's independent judgment. Some findings are the opinion of the Grand Jury rather than indisputable statements of fact. All reports included in this document have been approved by at least 12 jurors.

The Grand Jury's final responsibility is to consider criminal indictments, usually based on evidence presented by the District Attorney. On its own initiative, however, the Grand Jury may investigate charges of malfeasance (wrongdoing), misfeasance (a lawful act performed in an unlawful manner), or nonfeasance (failure to perform required duties) by public officials.

To be eligible for the Grand Jury, a citizen must be at least 18 years old, have resided in Yolo County for at least one year, exhibit ordinary intelligence and good character, and possess a working knowledge of English.

Following a screening process by the Court, Grand Jurors are selected by lottery. If you are interested in becoming a Grand Juror, submit your name to the Jury Commissioner, 725 Court Street, Room 303, Woodland, California, 95695, or telephone (530) 666-8600.

[1]In April of 2003 one juror resigned due to National Guard commitment and was not replaced.

The 2002–2003 Yolo County Grand Jury

Anthony Avellar, *Winters*
Eva M. Brock, *Davis*
Allen Cadero, *West Sacramento*
Michael Clark, *Zamora*
Candace Cross-Drew, *Davis*
Jonathan R. Durst, *Esparto*
Richard A. Elbrecht, *Davis*
Ken Han, *Capay*
Ann Kokalis, *Davis*
Mark Lively, *Woodland*
Floyd McCain, *Woodland*
Vicki Murphy, *Brooks*
Susan Ochoa, *Woodland*
Keith Ott, *Woodland* (Foreperson)
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Investigations

Yolo County Sheriff's Department

REASON FOR REVIEW

The 2002-2003 Yolo County Grand Jury reviewed a complaint alleging that disbursements were being made from the County Sheriff's Revolving/Discretionary Fund for questionable and improper purposes. The Grand Jury has conducted an intensive investigation of this Fund and its use from Fiscal Year 1996-1997 to the present time.

BACKGROUND

Yolo County has provided its Sheriff's Department an operating budget in an amount in excess of $18,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2002-2003. Included in this budget is the Sheriff's Revolving/Discretionary Fund, which is the subject of this report.

The County Board of Supervisors redefined the Yolo County Sheriff's Revolving/Discretionary Fund by Resolution 89-116, adopted 7/24/89. This resolution specifies that the fund be used for either of two kinds of expenses:

"a. Expenses for the operation of the Sheriff's Office of under $10.00.

b. Expenses chargeable against the Sheriff's Special Appropriation made pursuant to Government Code Section 29430."

This Fund is variously known as Unclassified, Restricted, Discretionary, or Imprest Cash. The budget appropriation authorized by the above noted resolution—89-116—was $5,500. For Fiscal Year 2002-2003 the appropriation (under Account 86-2555) is $8,556.

Authorization for this Fund was established by statute in 1969, codified at Government Code Sections 29430-29440. Section 29435 identifies three purposes for which the appropriated funds may be used: "The Sheriff may use the appropriation for:

a. His expenses incurred in criminal cases arising in the County.

b. Expenses necessarily incurred by him in the preservation of peace.

c. Expenses necessarily incurred by him in the suppression of crime."

In Resolution 89-116, the Board of Supervisors stated that "[t]he Yolo County Sheriff's Revolving Fund shall be replenished only by demand made upon the County for reimbursement... and shall be supported by receipts for any expenditure in excess of $1.00 setting forth the date, purpose of the expenditure and the amount expended. All sums received in satisfaction of the demands shall be returned to the revolving fund."

It should be noted that Government Code Sections 29400-29408 authorize a similar fund for only one additional County Agency, the District Attorney's Office. Section 29404 declares that this fund may be used to pay expenses "incurred in criminal cases," expenses "necessarily incurred... in the detection of crime," and expenses "in civil actions, proceedings, or other matters in which the county is interested."

The current Sheriff was elected in November 1998, and took office in January 1999. He was reelected to his current term (2003-2007).

Budget appropriations for and actual disbursements from the Yolo County Sheriff's Revolving/Discretionary Fund have been as follows:

Fiscal Year	Budget Appropriations	Actual Disbursements
1996-1997	$ 202	$ 866
1997-1998	175	848
1998-1999	771	2,109
1999-2000	1,806	6,494
2000-2001	6,358	11,988
2001-2002	7,778	9,482
2002-2003	8,556	5,268
	(First 7 months of fiscal year)	

Source: Yolo County Auditor-Controller's Office

The Grand Jury received from the Sheriff, under subpoena, subject Fund records for calendar years 2000-2002, including accounting, disbursement and supporting documents. The Grand Jury also received data regarding the Fund for the prior four years from the County Auditor-Controller's Office. Additionally, the investigation included interviews with the complainant, the Sheriff, the Auditor-Controller, Sheriff's Department Finance Staff employees, and the District Attorney.

FACTS

1. Expenditures from this Fund have increased significantly since Fiscal Year 1998-1999.
2. Expenditures from this Fund have regularly exceeded budget allocations over the same period.
3. Internal departmental accounting for disbursements under the Fund has been generally complete and accurate. There is no evidence of non-disclosure.
4. Expenditures such as departmental travel, training, criminal investigations and interview panels are appropriate under the spirit of the provisions of the pertinent Government Code Sections.
5. Some legitimate expenditures could more properly be accounted for under training, communications, office expenses, and other categories of the Sheriff's operating budget.
6. Other expenditures from the subject Fund for this period are not appropriate under the spirit of the provisions of the Government Code and are not acceptable uses of public funds. Purposes and amounts of expenditures for calendar years 2000-2002 that the Grand Jury has concluded are not appropriate are listed below:

EXPENDITURES	Amount
Contributions to charitable organizations	$2,349
Expenses for political events	529
Expenses for civic events	3,515
Gifts to politically active organizations	2,516
Retirement dinners and gifts	3,419
Flower arrangements	3,704
Greeting & Christmas cards/custom stationery	2,309
Golf tournaments	755
Portraits and framing	1,448

7. Government Code Section 26600 states "[t]he sheriff shall preserve peace, and to accomplish this object may sponsor, supervise, or participate in any project of crime prevention, rehabilitation of persons previously convicted of crime, or the suppression of delinquency."

CONCLUSIONS

1. The complaint regarding use of the Sheriff's Revolving/Discretionary Fund has merit and validity.
2. Both internal and external auditing of purposes for which the Fund has been used have been inadequate at best, and at times non-existent.
3. The Sheriff has made or authorized disbursements from this Fund that are, in some cases, consistent with statutory requirements; in some cases, highly questionable as appropriate use of public funds; and, in some cases, inappropriate use of taxpayer dollars.
4. Historically, "preservation of peace" involves literally suppression of crimes such as rioting, lynching, unlawful assembly, disturbing the peace, intentionally inflicting bodily injury, forcible entry, use of a weapon with intent to resist arrest, disturbance of public assembly *et. seq.* (California Penal Code, Sections 403-420.1).
Accordingly, "preservation of peace" is intended to mean the suppression of crime rather than networking and community outreach.
5. Apart from legal interpretations of the meaning of the phrases "suppression of crime" and "preservation of peace" noted above, there is a public understanding of these phrases based on common sense and accepted usage of the English language. By these standards a significant number of disbursements the Sheriff has made from his Revolving/Discretionary Fund are commonly recognized as unacceptable and self-serving. By way of illustration, a limited sampling of claims (1/3 of the total entries for the period) submitted by the Sheriff from July through December 2002 supports this statement.

Date	Item	Amount
7/15/02	Floral Arrangement, Hensley family	$70.04
8/7/02	Kona Coffee	62.00
8/8/02	Funeral Floral Spray	177.79
8/9/02	CHP Employee Appreciation Day	125.00
8/13/02	Latino Peace Officers Asociation Golf Tournament	360.00
8/15/02	Soroptimist Golf Tournament	45.00
8/29/02	Dave Rosenberg September Fest	25.00
9/19/02	Salute to Labor Dinner	100.00
9/24/02	Concilio Dinner Dance	75.00*
9/25/02	Woodland Chamber of Commerce Banquet	60.00
10/7/02	Red Cross Luncheon	40.00
10/11/02	Cache Creek High School Yearbook	25.00
10/11/02	Flowers for Staff	56.03
10/15/02	Holiday Greeting Cards	411.84
11/7/02	Flowers for Sheriff's Wife	70.04
11/15/02	Flowers for District Attorney	61.42
11/26/02	Luncheon for Lois Wolk	34.50
12/3/02	Retirement Dinner, Colusa County Sheriff	60.00
12/4/02	Stallard Retirement Dinner (incl $15.00 Gift)	75.00
12/9/02	Reception for Judge Lebov	50.00

*Receipt for item records: "Received of Citizens for Ed Prieto" Signed: Rick Gonzales, President, Concilio

Such expenditures of taxpayer dollars assuredly do nothing to make Yolo County a safer and more peaceful place to live and work. Neither do they contribute anything toward the prevention or deterrence of crime and the apprehension of criminals (cf. California Penal Code, Sections 11000 et sequitur – Prevention of Crime and Apprehension of Criminals).

6. The Grand Jury recognizes the value of networking and community outreach. However, these activities do not fall within the intent of Government Code Sections 29430-29440 that limit use of funds authorized thereunder to preserving the peace by the suppression of crime and for criminal cases. There are many opportunities in Yolo County for the Sheriff and the Department to develop and expand community relations and good will that require no use of public funds beyond legitimate budget allocations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Prompt remedial measures are required with reference to this Fund to insure that all disbursements are made within the spirit and letter of the law, and serve to insure the safety and security of the citizens of Yolo County. They include:

03-01 The County should establish clear, definitive procedures for evaluating requests for disbursements from this Fund to eliminate improper use.

03-02 The Office of the Yolo County Auditor-Controller shall audit the Fund and its records quarterly.

03-03 The Yolo County Auditor-Controller shall arrange for an audit of the Fund and its records from January 1999 to the present time and annual audit of the Fund thereafter by an external independent auditor or by an appropriate agency of the State of California.

03-04 The Sheriff shall make restitution to the County General Fund of all amounts expended for purposes not consistent with the spirit of Government Code Sections 29430-29440. They include but are not limited to:

- Political events
- Contributions to political and charitable groups
- Expenditures for flower arrangements, greeting cards, retirements and non-law enforcement-related activities that constitute a gift of public funds (California Constitution of 1879, Article 16, Section 6).

03-05 The Sheriff shall make restitution by 12/31/03 in an amount to be determined by the external independent auditor or appropriate agency of the State of California.

COUNSEL

Deputy Attorney General, State of California

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Sheriff (03-4, 03-5)
County Auditor-Controller (03-1, 03-2, 03-3)
Yolo County Board of Supervisors (03-1)

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed

Complainant
Yolo County Sheriff's Department
- Sheriff-Coroner
- Account Auditor I
- Business Services Officer
- Sheriff's Confidential Secretary

Yolo County Auditor-Controller
Yolo County District Attorney
Solano County Sheriff's Department
- Captain-Sheriff, Public Safety Division Commander
- Lieutenant-Sheriff, Program Manager
- Administrative Services Manager
- Staff Analyst

Documents Examined

Sheriff's Imprest Account receipts and disbursements from January 1996 through July 2000
Sheriff's Imprest Account receipts, disbursements, and documentation from January 2000 through December 2002
County Auditor-Controller's records for Budget Item 86-2555 budget and disbursement amounts (1996-1997 through 2002-2003)
County Board of Supervisors Resolution 89-116
Yolo County Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2001-2002
County of Yolo Cash Accounting Manual
Management Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2001–Bartig, Basler, & Ray, CPAs
California Government Code Section 26600, Sections 29400-29408, Sections 29430-29440
California Penal Code, Sections 403-420.1, Sections 11000 *et. seq.*
California Constitution for 1879, Article 16, Section 6
Solano County Sheriff's "Expenditure of Unclassified Funds" Manual

See APPENDIX for Response of the Sheriff (page 16)

Yolo County Housing Authority

REASON FOR REVIEW

In response to a complaint that it received from employees of the Yolo County Housing Authority (YCHA), the Grand Jury investigated YCHA's hiring and personnel practices. Additionally, the Grand Jury followed up on YCHA responses to the recommendations made by the 2001-2002 Grand Jury in its Final Report.

BACKGROUND

Established by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in 1950 to administer public housing for low-income residents, the YCHA today owns low-income housing in the communities of West Sacramento, Woodland, Winters, Esparto, Knights Landing, Dunnigan and Yolo, and administers migrant-labor camps in Davis, Madison, and Dixon. YCHA also administers the federal Section 8 housing program in the county, awarding vouchers to low-income residents who can use them to rent private housing from willing landlords.

Yolo County itself does not fund any of the YCHA programs but has statutory responsibility for the Housing Authority, which it exercises through the YCHA Board of Commissioners. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors appoints five at-large members (four-year terms) and two Tenant Commissioners (two-year terms) to the YCHA Board of Commissioners. The Board sets policy for the Housing Authority, appoints and evaluates the YCHA executive director, and approves the YCHA annual budget.

In December 1998 the Board of Commissioners appointed the current YCHA Executive Director, David Serena, replacing the retired longtime director.

FACTS

1. In its response to the Final Report of the 2001-2002 Grand Jury, the YCHA cited two efforts expected to make a difference in personnel

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relations within the agency.
- One was completion of a contract with the Teamsters Union, which YCHA employees had voted to join in 2001. This was accomplished early in 2003.
- The other effort was a May 2002 management retreat with KPMG Associates, which resulted in a document, subsequently approved by the Board of Commissioners, outlining principles to guide personnel relations. Testimony of Commissioners and staff did not reveal any subsequent efforts to implement the report.

2. While YCHA policy makes it clear that final decisions regarding hiring and firing are the Executive Director's, he has preempted decisions (e.g., selection, training, and supervision) ordinarily handled by middle managers, leading to ineffective supervisory relations and weakened staff morale.
3. The YCHA violated federal Immigration laws by hiring an undocumented worker without verifying the person's identity and legal authority to work. In that instance a person was hired by the YCHA without the required documentation of eligibility for employment. Investigation revealed that the person was not born in the United States, contrary to that person's declaration of eligibility. When the authorization to work document was produced five months later, it appeared to have been completed only two days before it was produced. The person was neither sanctioned nor dismissed for misrepresentation of eligibility for employment.
4. YCHA is a member of the Housing Authorities Risk Retention Pool (HARRP), a risk management pool. The YCHA had a Fiscal Year 1999-2000 loss ratio of 1881% in Errors and Omissions insurance (including employment and related practices coverage). A loss ratio exceeding 100% means that losses exceeded premiums by that percent. In April 2000 Errors and Omissions coverage for the YCHA was canceled by HARRP. In June 2000 HARRP renewed its Errors and Omissions coverage for YCHA with the following conditions:
   - Deductible was increased from 10% to 50% per claim.
   - Premium was increased by 100%.
   - YCHA was required to participate in an Employee Hotline Program.
   - The Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director were required to obtain formal training in human resources.
   - The YCHA was required to certify that its personnel policies are in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
5. YCHA Personnel Policies were amended in July 2002 to require that personnel vacancy notices be publicized both within and outside the agency.
6. Employee complaints are not consistently handled in accordance with agency policies, which require filing informal complaints with the individual's supervisor for investigation, and if necessary up the chain of command. Many cases are reported directly to the agency's Executive Director and handed over to legal counsel for investigation.
7. Expenses for legal fees increased from $145,710 in Fiscal Year 1999-2000 to $228,904 in Fiscal Year 2001-2002. In part this was due to the practice of involving counsel early on in investigation of employee complaints, and in response to Grand Jury requests for information.
8. The YCHA Board of Commissioners does not consider personnel management to be within its purview, stating that this is the responsibility of the Executive Director. The current Board of Commissioners does not believe there are improprieties in the YCHA personnel relations.
9. The YCHA Commissioners interviewed believe the Executive Director to be particularly skilled in establishing external relationships that can promote the YCHA mission of providing low-income housing.
10. The Housing Authority, under the leadership of its current Executive Director, has expanded the services and housing available to low-income residents of Yolo County. It has also acquired a business property in which its offices will be relocated from their present worn and crowded space; this property has the potential to produce income.

CONCLUSIONS

1. In his five years at YCHA the current Executive Director has not yet created a positive work environment.
2. In an effort to limit risk exposure the YCHA has relied heavily on legal counsel to advise on much of its operations, including investigation of even minor personnel complaints, thus increasing the agency's legal expenses.
3. Neither of the two efforts cited in the YCHA response to the Final Report of the 2001-2002 Grand Jury as a means to reduce tension among agency staff has as yet made a difference. One, the May 2002 Retreat report, has not been implemented; the other, the contract with the Teamsters Union, is of too recent completion to evaluate.
4. The current Executive Director of the YCHA is a person of vision who is working to improve conditions for low-income residents of Yolo County who are unable to find housing in the private market.

RECOMMENDATIONS

03-06 The YCHA should contract with a reputable facilitator to provide training in the next six months on:
- Conflict management and team building for the Executive Director and key management staff, and
- Appropriate work place behavior for the entire management and staff.

03-07 YCHA employees should use their union representation rather than the Grand Jury to deal with personnel issues.

03-08 The YCHA Board of Commissioners should require the Executive Director to set human resource goals for the next year (e.g., reducing the number of employee complaints, reducing/ eliminating the use of provisional hiring, increasing the number of personnel problems handled satisfactorily by middle management). A report should be submitted to the Board at the end of Fiscal Year 2003-2004 documenting the extent to which the goals have been met.

03-09 The YCHA Board of Commissioners should present a report to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors at the beginning of FY 2004-2005 on the status of human relations within the agency, as well as evidence of accomplishments in its program-related mission and goals, citing ways in which those accomplishments carry out the stated goals of the Board of Supervisors (see BOS Minutes, 4/15/03).

RESPONDENTS

YCHA Board of Commissioners (03-6, 03-8, 03-9)
YCHA Executive Director (03-6, 03-8, 03-9)
Teamsters Union Steward (03-7)

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed
Complainants
YCHA General Services Manager
YCHA Employees
YCHA Executive Director
Current and former members of the YCHA Board of Commissioners
Former YCHA Executive Director
HUD Area Office Program Liaison

Documents Reviewed
- YCHA financial statements and auditor's reports for FY98, FY99, FY00, FY01, & FY02
- Housing Authority Foundation balance sheet (fiscal closing, 12/01)
- Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of YCHA Foundation (1999) & 2002 Verification from CA Secretary of State
- By-laws of the YCHA (date unclear)
- Recent Housing Breakdown (list of HA housing units)
- Personnel Policies – Final (approved by Board of Commissioners March 2001)
- Strategic Analysis of YCHA (1998)
- Agency 5-Year Plan (2000) with detailed plan for 2000-2001
- Handbook for HA Commissioners (date unknown)
- Butte County Housing Authority Personnel Policies

- YCHA: Analysis of Legal Expenditures for FY99-FY01. Macias Consulting Group, 2/13/02
- Breakdown of YCHA legal fees & expenditures for FY01, FY02, and FY03 to date
- Itemized YCHA travel expenditures for FY01, FY02, and FY03 to date
- List of YCHA Board of Commissioners members, with terms of office
- YCHA Organizational chart and list of employees (1/16/03)
- Selected personnel-related records, YCHA staff
- Copies of communications between YCHA and HARRP, 1998-present
- US Code Title 42—The Public & Welfare, Subchapter VI—Equal Employment Opportunities, §2000e
- California Fair Employment & Housing Act – §12900 et seq.
- Minutes of the 4/15/03 meeting of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Davis Joint Unified School District

REASON FOR REVIEW

Citizens' complaints alleged problems of safety (including bullying behavior) at public schools in Davis and the lack of an effective complaint process in dealing with these and other parental concerns. In response, the Grand Jury investigated the Davis Joint Unified School District's (DJUSD) compliance with requirements of the State Education and Government Codes relating to Safe School Plans, the availability and effectiveness of the process for complaint resolution, and meetings notification within the District.

BACKGROUND

The State Education Code (§35294.2) requires that each school (K-12) develop a comprehensive Safe School Plan including assessments of school safety and identification of appropriate strategies, policies, procedures and programs to ensure prevention of crime and violence at each school.

The statute requires that each school develop this plan based on a standard methodology and forward its completed plan to its respective school district office for approval on a set time schedule. A review of Safe School Plans was made at the unified school districts of the County for comparison purposes. The statute also encourages School Site Councils to consider incorporating strategies that promote safe, respectful, accepting, and emotionally nurturing environments including, among other goals, prevention of bullying.

Human Relations and Site Councils for each school are established in various joint unified school districts to perform planning and oversight functions including review and approval of the Safe School Plans. In the DJUSD these two functions are combined. Allegations were made that meeting times of these District-sponsored groups were not widely or conveniently advertised as required by the Brown Act and that the groups were unresponsive to parent needs.

FACTS

1. Federal and state requirements for processing certain types of complaints, as well as parental expectations of the School District to respond to all complaints, imposes a significant responsibility on School District administration time and resources.
2. The above expectations of school administration are set within a framework of diminishing resources to the schools and continuing demands for providing an excellent academic program. The California Department of Education annual Academic Performance Index (API) for each school in the state reveals the high standing of the DJUSD program.
3. The Safe School Plans of Yolo County school districts are mixed in terms of their compliance with all the requirements of the State Education Code.
4. While the Safe School Plans of the DJUSD had many of the components required by the Code, the plans generally lacked assessment of current safety at the schools and identification of appropriate strategies and programs designed to maintain a high level of school safety. The notable exception was the plan of Valley Oak Elementary (currently in the review and approval process).
5. The District and the Davis community are cooperating in seeking effective remedial action to the issue of bullying. This includes a broad range of efforts (e.g. surveys, staff development, human relations workshops, community meetings) to encourage tolerance and to discourage inappropriate student behavior—among and between various groups.
6. As a result of parental concerns, the DJUSD complaint process has improved from a not-well-known administrative procedure (albeit detailed in the annual letter to each student's parent or guardian) to one in which complaint forms are clearly written and available at the District and each school office. Any disciplinary actions involving children or staff are necessarily protected by privacy considerations.
7. Meeting notices of School Human Relations and Site Councils (composed of teachers and parents elected by their respective groups) were posted, at the time of Grand Jury site visits, in locations freely accessible to members of the public in accordance with §54954.2 of the Brown Act.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The DJUSD provides a highly effective academic program at all levels of education.
2. The DJUSD needs to stress the development of individualized Safe School Plans that reflect Board of Trustee policies and that are specific to the conditions at each site.
3. The process of complaint notification and resolution is a major means to defuse parent-school tensions, establishing trust and creating the means to achieve lasting resolutions. A well-understood and available complaint resolution process is fundamental to an effective parent-student-school relationship. Use of a standard form and process can generate annual summaries that will permit the District to review its progress in dealing with complaints.

RECOMMENDATIONS

03-10 The DJUSD should require each school within the District to review and revise its existing Safe School Plan to comply with the requirements of §35294.2 of the Education Code, including a public adoption process, before December 31, 2003.

03-11 The DJUSD should continue to play an active role in community efforts and programs that will discourage unacceptable behavior by students.

RESPONDENTS

Davis Joint Unified School District (recommendations 03-10, 03-11)

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed

Superintendent, Davis Joint Unified School District

Trustee, Davis Joint Unified School District

Principal, Valley Oak Elementary School

Staff Members, Davis Joint Unified School District

Complainants

Documents Examined

State of California Education Code §§ 35294 and Government Code §§ 54950-54963

Safe School Plans for:

- Esparto Joint Unified School District
- Davis Joint Unified School District (Birch Lane, Caesar Chavez, Fairfield, Marguerite Montgomery, North Davis, Patwin, Pioneer, Willett, Valley Oak, Emerson Jr High, Holmes Jr. High, Davis High School);
- Washington Joint Unified School District
- Winters Joint Unified School District (John Clayton Kinder School, Waggoner, Winters Middle School, and Winters High School);
- Woodland Joint Unified School District (Beamer Park, Dingle, Freeman, Gibson, Grafton, Rhoda Maxwell, Plainfield, Tafoya, Whitehead, Willow Spring, Woodland Prairie, Zamora, Douglass Jr High, Lee Jr High, Woodland High School, and Cache Creek High)

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City of Woodland Department of Public Works

REASON FOR REVIEW

A complaint was received about the Road 102 and Gibson Road improvement project (Sycamore Ranch, CFD-Phase 2, project No. 98-05) alleging an illegal bid process, including conflict of interest between engineering design and project management contractors.

BACKGROUND

Large housing developments in the southwest corner of Woodland have resulted in increased traffic flow. The Monroe Detention Facility, the Animal Control Shelter and the new high school (under construction) also have contributed to a large increase in traffic in this section of town. Increased traffic flow has necessitated widening of Gibson Road from Highway 113 to Road 102, and Road 102 between the intersections with Gibson Road and Interstate 5. In addition, the scope of the project was expanded to include work on Pioneer and Bourn Avenues for several blocks where they intersect with Gibson Road.

FACTS

1. Two qualified firms bid on the road widening and landscaping project, which covered two areas: Road 102 between Gibson Road and Interstate 5; and Gibson Road between Road 102, Pioneer Drive, and Bourn Drive. The project was awarded to Granite Construction based on the lowest bid.
2. Engineers of the City of Woodland's Department of Public Works (DPW), in consultation with CH2M Hill Inc. (contractor for scope refinement, pre-design, and engineering design services), designed the work to be performed. Project management services were contracted to Parsons Brinkerhoff Inc.
3. Sixty-three changes were made to the project by the City of Woodland. For example:
   - The original plans (about ten years old) did not include a turn-through in front of the Sheriff's Department and Monroe Detention Center. Once the plans were drawn up this mistake was recognized and a change order was placed.
   - The original bid did not include widening Pioneer and Bourn Roads because it was thought there would not be enough funds in the budget. The bids were much lower than expected so the Pioneer Road work was added to the project.
4. Construction began June 7, 2001 and was scheduled to be completed in 240 workdays. Extensions were granted by the City of Woodland for rain delays and change orders. The completion date for the project was advanced from June 27, 2002 to January 17, 2003 due to additions to the scope of the project, and approved by all parties.
5. Timing of the first two layers of paving could be done at the contractor's discretion. The city required the final layer of paving to be done in all areas simultaneously.
6. As of 5/1/03, the project was three months beyond the completion date and not yet finished. Since work was not completed on time, Granite Construction may be liable for liquidated damages of $1100 per day from January 17, 2003 until the project is completed.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The city, and its consultants, did not foresee the need for a turn-through in front of the Sheriff's Department. This oversight was corrected by a change to the project drawings prior to work beginning.
2. Granite Construction has been completing its work in a timely manner where it can. Since it could not complete the work by the extended completion date it may be liable for liquidated damages.
3. There was no conflict of interest concerning pre-bid and post-bid consultants. The engineering firm that developed the bid document (CH2M Hill Inc.) was not the project management firm (Parson Brinkerhoff).
4. The City of Woodland expanded the scope of the project to include widening Pioneer Road. This expansion consumed the remaining funds that were budgeted and available for the project.
5. The City of Woodland did not post signs informing the public of start and extended completion dates for the project, which led to a perception by the public that the project was not completed on time.
6. The public was not made aware of change orders, or that the final paving of the project could not be accomplished until the under pavement on all four roads was completed.

RECOMMENDATIONS

03-12 The City of Woodland should be more aggressive in its monitoring of contractors to ensure that the work is performed in a timely manner, minimizing inconvenience to the public.

03-13 The City of Woodland should post signs and notices in the local newspaper informing the public of start and completion dates for all construction projects that exceed two months in length.

RESPONDENTS

City of Woodland Department of Public Works (03-12, 03-13)

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed

Complainant
City of Woodland Public Works engineers
- Public Works Director
- City Engineer
- Senior Civil Engineer
- Associate Civil Engineer

Parson Brinkerhoff Project Manager
Granite Construction Inc.
- Project Manager
- Construction Manager

Documents Examined

Bid documents
Blueprints of the project
Contract documents
Contract for Services

City of Davis Police Department

REASON FOR REVIEW

The Grand Jury received a complaint in reference to the death of a 49-year old person, alleging that the death was not fully and accurately investigated by the City of Davis Police Department.

BACKGROUND

The subject was released from jail on June 17, 2002, and obtained and consumed an unknown quantity of methadone. After some hours of sleeping it off at a friend's house, the subject was not doing well, 9-1-1 was called, and the Davis Fire and Police Departments responded. The subject was alive but unresponsive, and was transported to Sutter Davis Hospital and placed in intensive care.

Police noted neither signs of struggle nor obvious trauma. The subject was brought into the emergency room unresponsive, with fever, pneumonia, septicemia, hypotension, rhabdomyloysis and acute renal failure. Attempts at arousal failed. Initial toxicology tests revealed no heroin or methamphetamine in the blood. Later tests revealed methadone and lidocaine in the system.

In a preliminary interview, the subject's sibling, who had last seen the subject on the morning of release from jail, said that the subject "claimed to have drunk 80 milligrams of methadone and wanted to party and drink some beers."

The condition of the subject, who had suffered brain damage from lack of oxygen, worsened each day until life support was removed two weeks later. The Davis Police Department was notified that the person died, and the matter was assigned to an investigator.

No autopsy was required as the deceased had been in the hospital for two weeks, and the attending physician had signed the death certificate (Government Code § 27491). Due to drug abuse

involved in the death, the coroner investigated. The lidocaine in the decedent's system was accounted for in medical records and the blood test revealed an unknown quantity of methadone. The forensic pathologist determined that death was caused by multi-organ failure due to septic shock. It could not be determined whether the underlying cause of death was pneumonia with methadone being incidental, or methadone intoxication leading to pneumonia.

FACTS

1. Although it could not be determined whether the cause of the victim's death was accidental or due to natural causes, the coroner determined that no foul play was involved.
2. There was no indication that anyone had forced the subject to take the drugs. While it is a crime to sell the unlawful drugs that the subject used, police relied on the coroner's findings to determine whether to pursue the investigation.
3. As is standard practice, a police investigator was immediately assigned. The responding officer and the lieutenant involved in this matter are acquaintances of the complainant, and both said the complainant may have expected more than the standard police response to the death.
4. It is not routine practice for law enforcement agencies to release criminal investigation reports to the public. A press bulletin, containing a minimum amount of information, but no report of investigation of the matter, is available to anyone who asks for it at the front desk. Portions of the police report were furnished to the complainant but were redacted to protect the rights of persons other than the subject whose names were included. None of the omitted portions of the police report were derogatory.
5. The officer explained to the complainant that the matter was no longer under investigation, and did not return subsequent phone calls from the complainant.

CONCLUSION

1. The Davis Police Department handled the case in an appropriate manner.

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed
Complainant
Deputy Coroner
Davis Police Lieutenant
Davis Police Officer

Documents Examined
Complaint
Medical records
Coroner's records
Police report
Government Code § 27491

Reviews

Yolo County Jails

REASON FOR REVIEW

The California Penal Code requires grand juries to inquire into the conditions and management of public prisons within their county. The 2002-2003 Yolo County Grand Jury has reviewed the Monroe Detention Center and the Walter J. Leinberger Memorial Minimum Security Detention Facility, as well as the Juvenile Hall, Coroner, Animal Shelter, and police departments of Winters, Woodland, Davis and West Sacramento.

BACKGROUND

A tour of Monroe Detention Center was conducted February 11, 2003. The facility is staffed by a total of 82 correctional officers. In the last fiscal year, the facility managed and processed 8,822 inmates, an increase of 9% over the previous fiscal year. The 14-year-old, 93,000-square-foot main facility can house 313 inmates, and the adjacent Leinberger Detention Facility another 142 inmates. About 80% await adjudication, and about 20% are serving sentences. The "three strikes law" has increased the percentage of "not guilty" pleas and, hence, the total jail population. The average length of stay is 32 days. There have been no escapes or suicides during the past year. When the inmates are out of their cells, they have access to indoor and outdoor exercise and recreation equipment, including television, table games, basketball, and soft-bound library books. Educational and social services include GED tutoring; literacy, parenting, and computer classes; alcohol and drug counseling; HIV counseling; anger management; and women's support groups. An on-site clinic staffed full-time by nurses or physician's assistants provides medical services. The facility is well administered, and its staff is generally well trained and professional. Although no longer new, the Monroe Center is still considered a showcase, drawing professionals who come to observe how a modern facility operates.

FACTS

1. At the time of the visit, there were a total of 431 persons in custody, and an additional 31 persons were housed in facilities operated by other counties. On average, 20 to 25 persons are housed in other counties, at a cost to Yolo County of $45 to $85 per person per day, or more than $400,000 per year. The Monroe Center cannot hold more prisoners because it is subject to a consent decree that limits the number that can be housed there. Since the maximum possible number of inmates is already being released (persons charged with felonies are not released), and since increased population growth and jail service demand are assured, the only feasible and cost-efficient option is to expand the facility. It has space for an additional "pod," which could be constructed at an estimated cost of $3,000,000.
2. There is no permanent secure courtroom or closed circuit video link at the facility that can be used for arraignments. Prisoner(s) must be transported to the courthouse on the city streets.
3. The carpeting is worn and frayed. People can easily trip over the rips and holes. The cement floor is pitted and cracked at numerous places.
4. Home detention is offered to qualified inmates who have a job or attend school. A fee of $150 is charged.
5. Health services seem to be adequately handled. Female inmates receive the same obstetrical care received by women in the community.
6. Health services are provided under a contract entered into with private providers, who include a physician's assistant and a psychiatric nurse. A psychiatrist is available if an inmate requests one.
7. One section of the facility is dedicated solely to male inmates with mental health issues.
8. The facility has a low suicide rate, with none in the last three years. Staff believes that this is attributable to close and direct contact with staff, which facilitates early detection of depression and agitation, and to replacing safety razors with electric shavers.
9. The laundry facility is close to capacity. An increase of workload (as a result of more inmates, or the need to handle juvenile laundry when Juvenile Hall moves nearby) will put a strain on the existing machines and room.
10. The facility has not been fully staffed since 2000. When a staff member is out on disability, ill or on vacation, other staff put in numerous costly overtime hours. For example, the cooking staff does an impressive job, but has had no replacement or substitute for one cook who has been on disability for a long time.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The Grand Jury found a safe, clean, aging facility in need of maintenance, which is managed by well trained and professional persons who take pride in their work. The Grand Jury commends the staff for the low incidence of suicide.
2. The Sheriff is mandated by law to house prisoners, but the existing facility lacks the space needed to house the present and foreseeable flow of inmates. Housing prisoners in other counties at a cost of more than $400,000 annually may not be cost-effective.

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3. Several maintenance issues need to be addressed, such as replacing the carpeting and repairing the cracked concrete flooring.
4. The facility is not fully staffed; hiring part-time or provisional employees instead of paying regular employees overtime pay might be cost-effective.
5. A secure courtroom or video link at the jail is needed for arraignments in cases in which it may be dangerous to transport prisoners to the courthouse in downtown Woodland.

RECOMMENDATIONS

03-14 The Board of Supervisors should authorize and the Sheriff's Department should conduct in-house studies to determine:
- Whether it is more cost-effective to house inmates (including foreseeable increases in jail population) in other counties' jails or to increase the capacity of the present facility.
- The merits of providing a secure courtroom and/or a closed-circuit video link between Monroe Center and the courthouse for arraignments.
- Whether waiving the $150 home detention fee for qualified indigent inmates and making home detention to qualified prisoners attending drug treatment programs would pay for itself by reducing the need to pay other counties to house prisoners.
- Whether part-time provisional appointments to fill staff vacancies (e.g. a cook) would be cost–effective compared to paying overtime.

03-15 The Sheriff's Department should replace the carpeting and repair the cracks in the cement flooring.

03-16 The Sheriff's Department should expand or relocate the laundry room and purchase an additional washer and dryer to accommodate the anticipated increase in the use of those services.

RESPONDENTS

Board of Supervisors (03-14)
Sheriff-Coroner (03-14, 03-15, 03-16)

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed

Sheriff-Coroner
Assistant Sheriff
Undersheriff-Coroner
Captain, Monroe Detention Center
Staff, Monroe Detention Center and Leinberger Facility
Teachers and Aides, Monroe Detention Center and Leinberger Facility
Inmates of Detention Center and Leinberger Facility

Documents Examined

Sheriff's Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors, dated December 30, 2002
Inmate Program Scheduled Times and Places
Consent Decree and Related Documents

Yolo County Juvenile Hall

REASON FOR REVIEW

The Grand Jury has included within its inquiries all detention facilities within the county including Juvenile Hall. The Grand Jury also has reviewed Juvenile Hall to assess implementation of the recommendations of the 2001-2002 Grand Jury.

BACKGROUND

A tour of Juvenile Hall was conducted March 11, 2003. This facility is a division of the Yolo County Probation Department. Under the authority of the California Juvenile Court Law, Juvenile Hall helps protect the public from the delinquent acts of minors by providing for their safe and secure reception and temporary care.

The existing facility was built in the 1960s and was expanded in 1976-1977 to its current capacity of 30 residents. Actual occupancy can be almost double. Average occupancy is about 35-40 residents, but sometimes increases to as many as 56. Ages of residents range from a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of 18 years. The typical stay is from 30 to 45 days, but two current residents have been confined for more than 240 days awaiting hearing. A new 90-bed facility has been in planning stages for years. The 2001-2002 Grand Jury recommended that the Board of Supervisors make completion of the facility a high priority.

FACTS

1. The Juvenile Hall managers and staff expressed pride in the jobs they do, and try hard to be upbeat about their less-than-satisfactory surroundings.
2. The facility is overcrowded. There is enough lock-down sleeping space for female and hard-core residents, but the rest of the male residents sleep in the day room on futons that are set up each night and taken down each morning. Movement to meals through crowded halls is a potential safety hazard. Also, there is no employee lounge for temporary relief from duty. The out-placing arrangement of juveniles to the Solano County facility costs Yolo County $150/day.
3. The Yolo County Board of Supervisors, in its response to the Final Report of the 2001-2002 Grand Jury, said that construction of a new facility will hopefully be completed during 2004. Funding for the project is available in the county's Accumulated Capital Outlay account; the expenditure should be approved by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors in August 2003.
4. Shoes equipped with laces facilitate suicide. For that reason, the staff requires residents to remove their shoes when entering into their own rooms. The staff requested and was given permission to purchase laceless shoes on a test basis.
5. Credentialed teachers and instructional aides provide individualized instruction in an attractive schooling environment to all juveniles during their residence. An extensive paperback library is available and widely used. The classroom is equipped with computers. The Internet is an integral part of the training, and provides a workable alternative to a regular book library.
6. In-take procedures are not secure from police car to facility.
7. The control room for the entire facility is managed by one person, who serves without adequate support, oversight, on-the-job relief, or backup. The staff person assigned to that task has no computerized system to assist in monitoring the controls, and has to rely on memory for all tasks. The staff person performs those tasks with notable energy and distinction.
8. A registered nurse/physician's assistant works at Juvenile Hall 8-5 weekdays, and 4 hours daily on weekends. A physician visits the facility once each week. A psychiatric nurse who can prescribe medications and has access to a psychiatrist (if needed) is on call at all times.
9. As a penalty for purposeful flooding or toilet vandalism, water may be denied except on request. This, however, results in control room and staff activities being constantly interrupted by requests of residents for water.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Concerns such as overcrowding, the adequacy of control room operations, and potentially unsafe movement of juveniles to meals are expected to be eliminated on completion of the new Juvenile Hall.
2. Having a doctor available only one day a week may put juveniles at risk from delaying any of their immediately needed or previously prescribed medications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

03-17 The Board of Supervisors should do what is necessary to assure that the new facility is completed in 2004.

03-18 A physician should be on call at all times. If a newly admitted youngster is known to be taking medication, the contract physician should be contacted immediately to assure that medications are not interrupted and are properly administered.

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Board of Supervisors (03-17)
Probation Department, Community Corrections (03-18)

Supervising Detention Officer, Juvenile Hall (03-18)

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed
Supervising Detention Officer
Senior Detention Officer
Juvenile Court Control Room and Floor Staff
Juvenile Court Contract Teaching Staff
Juvenile Court Residents

Documents Examined
Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities
Article 8, Health Services, §§ 1411-1450

Yolo County Coroner

REASON FOR REVIEW

The California Penal Code instructs grand juries to conduct annual inspections of the jail and related facilities within its jurisdiction.

BACKGROUND

The Grand Jury toured the Coroner's Office and Morgue on February 11, 2003. The facility has been situated at its present location since 1998. The Coroner's Office, Lab and Morgue are managed by Mary Koompin-Williams, Supervising Deputy Coroner.

FACTS

1. The Coroner's Office operates as part of the Sheriff's Department. It scientifically identifies all human remains that come under its jurisdiction. All deputy coroners are fully trained in fingerprint identification and analysis. The coroner's office has performed this extra step in positive identification for the past 10 years, and is the only coroner's office in the state that performs that task today.
2. In the conduct of autopsies, rigorous standards are followed. Every autopsy is handled with identical steps from start to finish, assuring that analyses are accurate, consistent, objective, and professional. It currently conducts toxicology screening for eight drugs of abuse (cocaine, methamphetamines, benzodiazpines, barbiturates, antidepressants, and PCP). Performance of this task significantly reduces outside laboratory costs.
3. The Coroner's Office has acquired its own x-ray equipment and has trained its staff to use it, resulting in savings of thousands of dollars yearly in fees for private x-ray services.
4. The Coroner's Office has acquired state-of-the-art ultra-low temperature refrigeration which enables it to preserve evidence and samples for years instead of weeks.
5. The Coroner's Office contracts out use of its facilities to three counties—Shasta, Tehama and Butte—in exchange for a facility use fee of $250, a practice that generates revenue to partially offset expenses.
6. The Coroner's Office is staffed by the Supervising Deputy Coroner, four Deputy Coroners and a secretary, as well as four interns who are pre-med students from UC Davis. (More than 100 applications for the four internship positions are received each year.)
7. The Coroner's Office actively provides community education. For instance, it participates in high school drug/alcohol abuse programs as well as DUI programs for convicted offenders. The office was recently asked to kick off the UC Davis "Forensic Science" program.
8. The California State Coroners' Association honored Ms. Koompin-Williams by awarding her its "Manager of the Year" award at its annual banquet this year.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The Grand Jury commends the Yolo County Coroner's Office, Lab and Morgue for both setting and achieving high standards for public service.

RECOMMENDATIONS

03-19 The Supervising Deputy Coroner and her staff should be commended for the excellence of their management capabilities and public service.

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Board of Supervisors (03-19)
Yolo County Sheriff-Coroner (03-19)

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed
Yolo County Supervising Deputy Coroner
Yolo County Undersheriff-Coroner
Yolo County Sheriff-Coroner

Documents Examined
Sheriff's Annual Report to the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, dated December 30, 2002.

City Police Departments

REASON FOR REVIEW

The Penal Code instructs grand juries to inquire into the conditions and management of public jails and related functions. The Winters, Woodland, Davis and West Sacramento Police Departments provide local law enforcement services; they also maintain facilities for temporary custody of arrested persons.

BACKGROUND

Winters: A tour of Winters Police Department was conducted January 16, 2003. The department is housed in an old building in the heart of the city of Winters, and will re-locate to a new facility in the near future. The chief is knowledgeable about the department and city, and responded to all questions. The chief periodically consults with the chiefs of the other city police departments in the county.

Davis: A tour of Davis Police Department was conducted January 16, 2003. The department is housed in a new state-of-the-art facility, and is now in the process of selecting a new chief, the previous chief having retired. The acting chief led the Grand Jury on an informative tour of the new facility and responded to all questions. There is evidence of a great deal of contact and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, including the campus police of the University of California at Davis.

West Sacramento: A tour of West Sacramento Police Department was conducted January 23, 2003. The department is housed in a large building renovated for that use. Its chief and assistant chief led the Grand Jury on an informative tour of the facility, and responded to all questions. They noted that the building has an extra room that would be suitable for use as a courtroom. Its use for minor infractions would reduce demands on West Sacramento officers.

Woodland: A tour of Woodland Police Department was conducted January 23, 2003. The department is housed in a facility that shortly will be replaced by a state-of-the-art building. The department is managed by a recently-hired chief whose knowledge of the department and city was impressive. The chief and assistant chief led the Grand Jury on an informative tour of the facility, and responded to all questions.

FACTS

1. Despite fiscal constraints that limit their ability to hire a full complement of staff, the departments are managing their limited personnel well, maintaining good community relations, and promoting respect for and observance of law.
2. The four police chiefs regularly meet and communicate with each other to address common issues and concerns. One such issue that three of the four chiefs expressed to the Grand Jury involves prisoner transportation.
   - When an arrested person is detained, the department that makes the arrest is responsible for transporting the prisoner to the Monroe Detention Center in Woodland.
   - If a prisoner needs medical attention, the Detention Center does not accept the prisoner unless he or she is first diagnosed and treated at a local hospital. In that situation, the arresting officer must transport the prisoner to a hospital, remain there while the prisoner is diagnosed and treated, and then transport the prisoner to the Center.
   - This process consumes 1.5 to 5 hours of a transporting officer's time, depending on the

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distance to Woodland, which may be as much as 22 miles one way, and on whether the arrested person needs medical attention.
- The current process reduces the number of officers on duty while the officer is performing these transportation and custodial functions. In Winters, this may reduce the number of on-duty officers to zero, requiring that an off-duty officer be called for overtime work. The impact on the level of police protection and costs is significant.

3. A concern expressed by the police chiefs of all four cities is the absence of a fully interoperable computer data system that includes themselves and the county.
   - The four police departments have made use of federal funding to purchase and install a common, state-of-the-art, computer-based information/communication system that enables police officers equipped with laptop computers to compose arrest reports in the field while the facts are fresh in their minds, and to move the data into a common data system to which all city police departments have access.
   - Once information is entered in the consolidated system, it can be revised and also retrieved for a wide range of law enforcement purposes without the necessity of reentering the data in the system. The system has improved safety and services, reduced demands on personnel and material resources, enhanced productivity, and saved tax dollars.
   - The Sheriff's Department's computer-based information system is not compatible with the system utilized by the police departments of Winters, Woodland, Davis and West Sacramento. Hence, much of the same data entered by local officers and staff must be reentered when custody of a prisoner is transferred to the Monroe Detention Center.
   - The lack of interoperability of the two systems results, in part, from the differing functions and needs of the police departments, on the one hand, and the Sheriff's Department, on the other. The incompatibility flows from a previous sheriff's decision not to participate in the federally funded program used by the four cities to purchase and deploy their systems. The Sheriff's staff acknowledged the need to modify its system to make it interoperable with the cities' communications system.
   - The computer data systems used by the cities and the Sheriff's Department are not compatible with the systems used by the Yolo County courts.
   - Once a prisoner enters the court system, some of the same data must be re-entered in the court's data system, resulting in duplication and waste of resources. As courts face increasing demands and diminishing resources, it seems desirable that they consider use of interoperable computer data systems to save costs and enhance efficiency.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The four cities are served by professional law enforcement agencies that are competently managed, forward thinking, and operating successfully in the public interest.
2. The current prisoner transport process is inefficient and costly to taxpayers, and may reduce public safety. A better process is needed for transporting prisoners from the cities where they are arrested to Monroe Detention Center and, as necessary, a local hospital. A shuttle service that serves all cities in the county would seem to be a more efficient process from the viewpoints of all agencies. The same shuttle service might be useful to outlying communities (e.g., Guinda, Clarksburg) where there is no police department. The most likely operator of a shuttle service would be the Yolo County Sheriff's Department.
3. There can be no doubt about the benefits of and need for a communications system whose interoperability extends to all participants in the criminal justice system, including local police departments, the Monroe Detention Center, and, if possible, the courts. At the same time, the Grand Jury recognizes that the design of communications systems should not take place in haste, but only after thoughtful and competent analysis that identifies the best ways to address true needs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

03-20 The Sheriff should study the feasibility of creating and operating a shuttle service that would take custody of prisoners on request from any participating community in Yolo County, and transport them to the Monroe Detention Center, or, if necessary, to a local hospital and then to the Center. The study's conclusions and recommendations should be based on what is most efficient and economical from the perspective of the residents and taxpayers of the entire county rather than just the Sheriff's Department or other single agency.

03-21 The Sheriff's Department should modify the county's computer-based information/communication system as needed to make it interoperable with the systems installed and operated by the cities of Winters, Woodland, Davis and West Sacramento.

03-22 The Sheriff's Department should consult with the administrator of the courts and other appropriate persons to identify proper courses of action needed to extend interoperability to the courts.

03-23 The Sheriff's Department should also explore interoperability with the state Office of Emergency Services and Yolo County Communications Emergency Service Agency.

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Sheriff-Coroner (03-20, 03-21, 03-22, 03-23)

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed

Winters Police Chief
Davis Acting Police Chief
Woodland Police Chief and Assistant Chief
West Sacramento Police Chief and Assistant Chief
Captain, Monroe Detention Center
Yolo County Undersheriff-Coroner
Yolo County Assistant Sheriff
Yolo County Sheriff-Coroner

Documents Examined

Sheriff's Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors, dated December 30, 2002.

Yolo County Communications Emergency Service Agency

REASON FOR REVIEW

The Grand Jury has reviewed the work of the Yolo County Communications Emergency Service Agency and its Office of Emergency Services because of the risk and potential impacts of disasters. When a disaster strikes, the questions are often asked: "What steps might we have taken to prevent it, to reduce the risk of its occurring, and to reduce the resulting losses?"

BACKGROUND

A tour of Yolo County Communications Emergency Services Agency (YCCESA) was conducted on March 13, 2003, and of the Office of Emergency Services (OES) on October 16, 2002.

The YCCESA is a Joint Powers Agency created by Yolo County and the cities of West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland. The City of Davis is a partial member; Davis contracts with YCCESA for use of its computer-aided dispatch system. The YCCESA was created to provide a system of public services for the urban and rural areas of Yolo County. It performs, trains, and provides coordination of emergency services and emergency communications throughout Yolo County.

The Department of Communications (911 Dispatch) and the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services (OES) are divisions of YCCESA. All 911 calls are answered and the appropriate help is dispatched from dispatch centers located at YCCESA in Woodland, at the City of Davis, and at UC Davis. The OES is the emergency management agency for Yolo County. It manages the county's overall response to natural and human-

caused disasters. According to its mission statement, it "prepares for, responds to, recovers from, and mitigates the potential for, disasters that affect life, property, and the environment," and in cooperation with the County Health Officer, it has formed the Yolo Operational Area Bio-Terrorism Preparedness Committee.

The Emergency Services Manager of OES believes that Yolo County is at risk from at least five kinds of disasters, which are, beginning with the most probable, flood, fire, earthquake (including flood resulting from dam breakage), chemical/biological, and nuclear. Studies undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State Reclamation Board (2001, 2002) disclose significant risks to Yolo County cities in the event of a severe flood caused by heavy sustained rainfall or earthquake damage to area dams. For example:

- Woodland's major flood risk is from Cache Creek. The risk is likely to increase every year because of in-stream maintenance restrictions imposed by environmental policies, resulting in continuing vegetation, gravel, and silt buildup within the creek bed.
- Davis is at risk from the Yolo Bypass.
- West Sacramento may be subject to backwater flooding from a combination of flooding, siltation and tidal action in the Rio Vista area.
- Regional dams were constructed to withstand a 6.0 earthquake if a half-mile from the epicenter. Failure of the Folsom Dam could affect West Sacramento; failure of Monticello Dam (Lake Berryessa) would affect Winters and Davis; failure of the dam at Indian Valley Reservoir could affect areas in the Capay Valley and the communities of Capay, Esparto and Madison.
- Levees are subject to potential failure during high water flows.

In his 1995 book entitled *California Rivers and Streams*, UCD Professor Jeffrey F. Mount describes the special maintenance challenges that are posed by levees. Unlike dams, water flows across the face of levees, subjecting them to intense scouring, which can cause oversteepening of levee banks and, eventually, failure. He also believes that levees built by local communities with just enough freeboard to meet National Flood Insurance Program limitations for development on the 100-year flood plain are "a recipe for disaster."

A sense of concern and urgency is expressed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in its July 2002 study and report. It notes that levee maintenance has grown more difficult and expensive due to such factors as poor levee foundations, erosion, and conflicts with environmental concerns. It states that "[f]lood risk in this region is rising, as are conflicts between maintenance of the existing flood management system. a rapidly growing population and ecosystem needs." It concludes that the present flood control system "cannot meet the region's current and future needs."

Added to the risk of injury to person and property due to flooding and other disasters is that of liability to the county if a court should determine that the county's own negligence contributed to the losses. During 2002, a precedent for county liability was established when a California Court of Appeals determined that the Counties of Monterey and Santa Cruz were liable in tort and inverse condemnation for extensive damages caused when the Pajaro River Levee Project failed during a heavy rainstorm in 1995.

FACTS

1. It is difficult for emergency responders arriving at emergency scenes to distinguish different levels of the Incident Command System immediately on arrival.
2. Information/communication systems are outdated and incompatible, making communications difficult. For instance:
   - The Sheriff's Department's present computer-based data system is not compatible with the system used by the police departments of Winters, Woodland, Davis and West Sacramento.
   - The Sheriff Department's new 800 megahertz system will not be interoperable with the West Sacramento Police Department. In the event of an emergency it will be difficult for the Sheriff's Department to communicate with the West Sacramento Police Department.
3. While continuous repair and maintenance of levees along the Sacramento River is necessary, it is likely that repairs will be made only when there is evidence that the levees are eroding or likely to fail.
4. Flood risk from Cache Creek and the Yolo Bypass is high and potentially increasing for the Yolo County communities of Woodland and Davis and nearby farmlands.
5. The YCCESA office is in a flood plain that could result in a flooding situation of 3-5 feet, and emergency communications equipment could become completely inoperable if inundated. The dirt berm around the site protects only three sides of the building, and therefore provides no protection in the event of a severe flood.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Yolo County should be mindful of its potential liability for losses caused by flood damage.
2. Use of color-coded vests by emergency personnel would immediately identify the various levels of incident responders that are on site, saving precious time.
3. The inefficient frequencies/communications between all dispatch centers, first responders and incident commanders require additional time before emergency services can be applied.
4. The YCCESA communications and dispatch services are not in a safe, secure position to provide essential 911 services in the event of a severe flood.

RECOMMENDATIONS

03-24 The county should engage in flood prevention and mitigation efforts of all reasonable kinds, including obtaining needed permits for and participating actively in local and regional flood control programs.

03-25 Color-coded vests should be provided to identify the presence and position of each level of the Incident Command System at emergency scenes.

03-26 The county's emergency communications systems should be modified and/or enhanced to achieve interoperability among all emergency services including Sheriff's Department, city police departments, fire departments, health department, and YCCESA.

03-27 As a short-term protection from flooding, the earthen berm that now protects YCCESA on three sides should be extended around the fourth side and completed before the next flood season.

03-28 The County should consider the longer-term measure of moving YCCESA's communications systems to higher ground, e.g. the new Woodland Police Department communications complex or the Sheriff's Department communications complex.

RESPONDENTS

Yolo County Board of Supervisors (03-24, 03-28)

Yolo County Communications Emergency Service Agency (03-24, 03-25, 03-26, 03-27)
- Office of Emergency Services (03-26)
- Department of Communications (911 Dispatch) (03-26)

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Persons Interviewed

Member of Board of Supervisors

Emergency Services Manager, Office of Emergency Services

Emergency Services Planner, Office of Emergency Services

Regional Information Systems Manager, YCCESA

County Health Officer and Director of Health Department

Lieutenant, Sheriff's Department

Captain, Sheriff's Department

UC Davis Fire Chief

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Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

REASON FOR REVIEW

The 2001-02 Grand Jury reviewed the Yolo County Flood and Irrigation District for possible theft of water by a user. During the review the Grand Jury determined that there was miscommunication resulting in non-billing of water use. It also found a morale problem that may be interfering with the District's providing the best possible service. It recommended that the 2002-03 Grand Jury follow up to determine progress made on the recommendations to the District.

BACKGROUND

The 2001-02 Grand Jury received a complaint regarding billing procedures for the district. That Grand Jury investigated, found some possible discrepancies, and recommended "the management office and field personnel should review and upgrade as needed the operations and billing procedures of the district."

During that Grand Jury's investigation it also concluded that distrust and low morale at the District resulted from lack of communication. It recommended that subsequent grand juries review the district's operations for the next two years. This is year one of that recommendation.

FACTS

1. The issue of the water theft has been resolved. More than two ditch tenders reported the unbilled water usage to the office. The office denies receiving those reports. The district has since outfitted each ditch tender with a laptop computer that is updated each day with the requests for water. This allows the ditch tenders to know who is being billed and for what amounts.
2. A third-party engineering consultant, MBK Engineering, calculated the water the user should have used. The water user was billed and has paid the amount owed the district.
3. All of the field staff interviewed reported dissatisfaction and conflict among the ditch tenders and some of the supervisors.
4. One employee has retained an attorney and threatened legal action against the district due to employee conflicts.
5. A 25% staff turnover in the last year has included the loss of experienced ditch tenders and the General Manager.
6. Supervisors are given the opportunity to attend management training. However, only one has done so, and then attended only one training session.
7. No action has been taken by the District to correct the morale problem found by the previous Grand Jury.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The issue of water usage not being paid for has been resolved.
2. There are serious morale and management problems that could cost the District money, time, and inconvenience or possible outages to its users.
3. Because of dissatisfaction and conflicts, the District could experience even more employee turnover.

RECOMMENDATIONS

03-29 The District Board of Directors, in selecting a new General Manager, should apply criteria that emphasize skills and demonstrated success in supervision and team building.

03-30 The District Board of Directors should identify appropriate personnel management training, requiring supervisors and management to attend.

03-31 The 2003-04 Grand Jury should review the District to monitor progress toward improved staff morale.

RESPONDENTS

Board of Directors, Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (03-29, 03-30)

SOURCES

Persons Interviewed
Yolo County Flood Control & Water Conservation District staff
– Ditch tenders
– Office personnel

Documents Examined
Ditch Tenders Handbook
MBK Engineering analysis of water usage
District water billing statements
Computer application used by ditch tenders

Yolo County Board of Supervisors

REASON FOR REVIEW

As part of its oversight of local government, the Grand Jury reviewed the process that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors undertook in regard to Indian gaming issues in the county.

BACKGROUND

From its earliest days, the United States has recognized the sovereign status of Indian tribes as "domestic dependent nations." The U.S. Constitution vests Congress with plenary power over Indian affairs, but Indian tribes retain important jurisdiction over their members and their territory, subject to the plenary power of Congress. Generally, in California, federal and tribal laws have primacy over Indian affairs on Indian land.

Indian gaming is carried out under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), passed by Congress in 1988. The IGRA provides a statutory basis for the operation of gaming by Indian tribes. The IGRA makes class III gaming (Nevada style gaming rather than bingo or card rooms, which are class II) activities legal on the lands of federally-recognized Indian tribes, but only if such activities are conducted in conformity with a tribal-state compact entered into by the Indian tribes and the state and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Generally, gaming is not authorized under the IGRA on Indian lands acquired after October 17, 1988, unless the acquired land is within or contiguous to existing Indian land or to former land of the tribe if the tribe no longer has a reservation. The Secretary of the Interior can waive this if the Secretary finds that a gaming establishment on newly acquired lands would be in the best interest of the Indian tribe and would not be detrimental to the surrounding community under certain circumstances and if the governor of the state in which the gaming activity is to be conducted agrees.

Indian gaming expanded dramatically in California as the result of IGRA and California Propositions 5 (1998) and 1A (2000), which authorized gambling in California. In April 1998, the Governor concluded negotiations with the Pala Band of Mission Indians to permit Class III gaming on tribal land. Subsequently, 10 other tribes signed the 'Pala' compact. These 11 compacts were approved by the California legislature in August of 1998. In November 1998, California voters approved Proposition 5, the Tribal Government Gaming—an Economic Self-Sufficiency Act. This proposition amended state law but not the State Constitution and required the state to enter into specific compacts with Indian tribes to allow certain Class III gaming activities. In August 1999, Proposition 5 was ruled unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court on the basis that the measure would permit the operation of Nevada-style casinos. In September 1999, the Governor negotiated and the Legislature approved compacts with 57 tribes, including the tribes that signed the Pala compact, authorizing certain class III games. These agreements replaced previous compacts, and required voter approval to change the California Constitution; Proposition 1A was approved

by the voters in March 2000.

The Wintun Indians have lived in the Yolo County area since prehistoric times. A federally recognized tribe, the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians live in the Capay Valley on trust land that was purchased for the tribe and is held in trust by the federal government. The trust land upon which the Cache Creek Indian Bingo & Casino is currently located, in Brooks, California, was purchased for the Tribe in 1982, and the Casino has been operated by the Rumsey Band since 1985. On September 10, 1999 the Tribe and the Governor entered into a Tribal-State Gaming Compact to permit the Tribe to conduct Class III gaming activities on its trust lands in compliance with IGRA. In May 2002, the Tribe formally informed Yolo County of its intention to expand and submitted the requisite environmental reviews.

When news of the proposed expansion became known, many Yolo County residents, especially residents in the Capay Valley, expressed concerns about traffic, water and quality of life issues.

The Board of Supervisors (BOS) is the governing body of Yolo County. The Board is empowered by state law to adopt ordinances, establish programs, levy taxes, appropriate funds, appoint certain officials, and zone property in the unincorporated areas. In addition, members of the Board represent the County on numerous intergovernmental bodies.

The county hired legal counsel, expert in Indian law, as consultant. After determining that it had no legal authority over the Tribe's land, the BOS decided to negotiate an agreement with the Tribe. Supervisors Lynnel Pollock and Mike McGowan conducted negotiations with the Tribe, with former Congressman Vic Fazio as facilitator. Out of these negotiations came the "Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Yolo and the Rumsey Band of Wintun Indians Concerning Mitigation for Off-Reservation Impacts Resulting From the Tribe's Casino Expansion and Hotel Project" (hereafter referred to as the Yolo-Tribal Agreement) adopted October 22, 2002.

FACTS

1. Federal law and tribal-state compacts allow the tribe, as a "domestic dependent nation," to build on its land. A tribe is required to follow the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), but is not bound by the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Local land use regulations do not apply to Indian trust lands.
2. The BOS determined that it had no legal basis on which to successfully challenge in court the Tribe's intended expansion.
3. Local government has no legal role, other than to negotiate mitigation for off-reservation impacts in Indian land used for gaming. Indian gaming is regulated at Federal and State levels.
4. The 1999 tribal-state compact in California requires a tribe to follow its own environmental laws and to take into account off-reservation impacts.
5. Yolo County had formed a County-Tribe Advisory Commission (1995) meant to promote on-going communication between the Rumsey Band and Capay Valley residents. Relationships among participants became rancorous; the group stopped functioning. A new group, the County Advisory Committee for Tribal Matters, was established as part of the Yolo-Tribal Agreement.
6. While drafting an agreement, the BOS conducted a county-wide public opinion survey and held public workshops about the perceived impact of casino expansion. The draft agreement itself was the subject of a public hearing on October 8, 2002, continued to October 15.
7. The Tribe had intended to begin construction in summer of 2002, but delayed breaking ground until early October, allowing time for negotiation of the Agreement.
8. Provisions of the Yolo-Tribal Agreement include:
   - Guaranteed source of funds to mitigate the impacts of Casino expansion
   - Reduced scope of the proposed expansion
   - Right to take the tribe to the Superior Court to enforce the agreement
   - The County's commitment to comply with CEQA in its oversight of off-reservation impacts resulting from Casino expansion.

   The agreement can be read in its entirety at http://www.yolocounty.org/TribeAgree/County-Tribe%20Final%20Agreement.pdf.
9. As stated in agendas of the BOS, "Supervisor Rosenberg is employed by the State of California as the Director of Community and Intergovernmental Relations, Director of Operations and Senior Advisor to the Governor and technically as such has a financial interest in any contract made by the Board with the State of California. He intends to and will recuse himself from participating in any county decision-making concerning a contract between the County and the State of California which directly involves the department known as the Office of the Governor. He is not otherwise disqualified from participation in contracts with the State." Supervisor Rosenberg joined the Governor's senior staff in April 2000. He is the chief advisor to the Governor on local government issues, and is the Governor's liaison to all 58 counties and almost 500 California cities. He also advises the Governor on Indian tribal issues. While he participated in crafting the Yolo Tribal Agreement, Supervisor Rosenberg recused himself from negotiations with the Rumsey Band at the state level.
10. The Cache Creek Casino employs about 1500 persons making it the largest private employer in Yolo County. Employees are unionized and pay taxes on their wages.
11. The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) represents the interests of all counties (including Yolo) at the state level. It has requested that each tribal-state compact be renegotiated to allow a county (a) to bargain for mitigation costs more favorable to impacted areas in that county, and (b) to be part of the state negotiation with a tribe. Two Yolo County Supervisors sit on the relevant CSAC working group.
12. Tribal-State Compact negotiation has been reopened at the request of Governor Davis; it is unclear whether changes in the compact will constitute grounds for renegotiation of the Yolo-Tribal Agreement.
13. Late in 2002 the Upper Lake Band of the Pomo Indians (from Lake County) applied for trust status for land they had recently purchased in West Sacramento, and proposed a casino for the site. The City of West Sacramento signed an agreement with this Tribe, but the Yolo County BOS joined the State of California in opposing the proposal on the grounds that the Tribe had no historical base in Yolo County. A federal judge subsequently denied their claims to land in Yolo County, and effectively ended the Tribe's quest.

CONCLUSIONS

1. Residents of Yolo County continue to be concerned about the impact of expanded gaming on quality of life, including issues of law and order, traffic, and water supply.
2. Responsibility for much of the mitigation efforts to address these concerns now rightfully rests with the county, and will be subject to county oversight, including compliance with CEQA.
3. The issue of Indian gaming within the state is in flux, and is not within the jurisdiction of the Grand Jury. It appears that the county's interests are represented with regard to ongoing Tribal-State Compact negotiations.
4. The Grand Jury cannot predict whether the Yolo-Tribal Agreement will serve the County well. The Yolo County BOS had few choices in regard to Casino expansion, and negotiated significant concessions with little to offer the tribe in exchange.

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Yolo County District Attorney

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Appendix

Response of the Sheriff to the 2002–2003 Yolo County Sheriff's Department Investigation

[The report of this investigation was issued April 4, 2003, as an interim report of the 2002-2003 Grand Jury. The Sheriff, in accord with his mandated requirement as a named respondent, responded to the report June 6 (60 days).]

Relative to the Sheriff's Discretionary Fund, the Sheriff maintains that:

1. He has implemented improved procedures for fund disbursement and records.
2. Expenditures the Grand Jury considers questionable were legitimate under community outreach programs.
3. He did nothing illegal; applicable provisions of the Government and Penal Codes are subject to interpretation.
4. He relied on advice from the former Finance Director of the Sheriff's Department.
5. External audits are unnecessary.

In response to those recommendations (03-04, 03-05) directed specifically to him, the Sheriff stated that

> no restitution will be made for disbursements other than $345.04 already reimbursed to the Sheriff's Department for Truman Club meetings, the Democratic Bean Feed, the Rosenberg September Fest, and flowers for the Sheriff's wife.

The 2002-2003 Grand Jury submits the following points in reply to the Sheriff's response:

1. The Sheriff is to be commended for implementing new control and management procedures for this discretionary fund.
2. The Grand Jury believes the Sheriff should be held to a higher standard than "What is not illegal is acceptable." Discretionary funds are granted under the assumption that the recipient will use them with discretion, that is, with integrity and avoidance of self-promotion or its appearance.
3. If provisions of the Government and Penal Codes are subject to interpretation, the Grand Jury, composed of Yolo County citizens from many walks of life, believes that the Jury's interpretation should be given serious consideration by the county's elected officials.
4. The Grand Jury believes the Sheriff bears sole responsibility for all disbursements from his discretionary fund.
5. The Grand Jury reiterates its recommendation 03-04–namely, that the Sheriff shall make restitution to the County General Fund of all amounts expended for purposes not consistent with the spirit of Government Code §§ 29430-29440. They include but are not limited to political events; contributions to political and charitable groups; and expenditures for flower arrangements, greeting cards, retirements and non-law enforcement-related activities that constitute a gift of public funds.
6. The Grand Jury's report was filed with the advice and concurrence of counsel from the Office of the California Attorney General. The Grand Jury stands by its conclusion that numerous irregularities have occurred and continue to exist in the Yolo County Sheriff's use of this discretionary fund.

Responses to the 2001–2002 Grand Jury Report

In accordance with § 933 (c) of the California Penal Code, the governing body of a public agency or its designated administrator must respond to Grand Jury recommendations within 90 days. Other named respondents must comment within 60 days.

Each recommendation below is followed by an extract of the official response. The complete report is available at public libraries in Yolo County. The complete set of responses is available for public review at the office of the Clerk of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors.

Yolo County Housing Authority

02-01 The executive director should work with representatives of the labor union selected by YCHA staff to negotiate a fair and affordable contract promptly.

Ten (10) months were required to complete negotiations as to the general unit, which included an MOU with management.

02-02 Until a union contract is ratified, the YCHA commission should replace the current personnel policies with policies more in line with county practice.

The recommendation will not be implemented. It is neither warranted nor reasonable; the Grand Jury's recommendation violates Meyers-Milias-Brown Act that forbids changing personnel policies affecting wages, hours, or conditions of employments without first having negotiated such change with the applicable unions. The Union did not request such changes during labor negotiations.

02-03 The YCHA commission should explore whether contracting with county counsel for legal services for the YCHA could make funds now being devoted to legal fees available for programs that assist the county's low-income residents.

The recommendation will not be implemented because it is not warranted. The Commission believes that the current legal representation is cost effective and appropriate, and that County Counsel could not deliver the same level of service.

02-04 The YCHA Commission should ensure that audit recommendations are addressed without delay.

The recommendation has been implemented.

02-05 If it is not practical for the auditor-controller to annually audit the YCHA, the auditor-controller should at least spot check YCHA books at irregular, unpredictable intervals to provide at least partial independent audits.

The County Auditor-Controller normally has no jurisdiction over YCHA since the HA receives no funds from the County, so no audit tasks are planned by the Auditor-Controller. YCHA has an independent audit firm selected by HA Commissioners.

02-06 The Board of Supervisors should review the finding of the Macias Consulting Group Analysis of YCHA legal expenses commissioned by the Grand Jury and forwarded to the board.

The Board of Supervisors appoints the YCHA Commissioners, who are authorized to transact business and to exercise public and essential government functions. The YCHA Executive Director and Board of Commissioners may choose to further consider the report's "Other Issues Need Further Review" and "Conclusions."

02-07 The Board of Supervisors should reconsider the criteria it uses in selecting commissioners.

The County Board of Supervisors endeavors to comply with the statutes (California Health and Safety Code, 'Housing Authorities Law') in selecting and appointing Commissioners to the YCHA Board of Commissioners.

Yolo County Communication Emergency Services Agency

02-08 The Joint Powers Authority and the director of the Emergency Service Agency should look into what changes are necessary to improve morale, including changes increasing staffing, updating equipment, and improving or replacing the building that houses the dispatch center.

While the organization agrees that employee morale is an important component of the organization, it respectfully disagrees with the implication that YCCESA has not undertaken steps to improve those conditions. Recent action included a salary increase that will enhance employment recruitment and retention; recruitment has been expanded mostly through advertisements and job fairs. Topical improvements to the dispatch center building were provided. Provisions for backup generator safety and fire alarms were included in the re-model. YCCESA has taken advantage of Yolo County's energy project to upgrade and enhance energy efficiency and comfort.

BOS Response: Matters of YCCESA operations and capital improvements are the responsibility of the executive director and JPA board. As such, the JPA has the responsibility to sufficiently staff itself, maintain morale, and plan and provide for its capital needs.

02-09 The Joint Powers Authority and the director should closely supervise, and if necessary, replace the communications manager.

The executive director and JPA Board agree with the importance of proper supervision of employees. Over the past few years, YCCESA has instituted daily contacts and discussions between the executive director and division managers; daily contact with YCCESA staff and member agencies' staff; weekly-monthly project meetings; quarterly 'Information Bulletins' on all divisions to the JPA Board; an annual performance review and goal setting session with managers and supervisory employees; and annual and mandatory training and team-building with the director and division managers. There is also an annual mandatory training/retreat with the communications manager and supervisors, and director involvement in day-to-day operational issues.

The executive director and JPA Board disagree with the recommendation to replace the communications manager. Her tenure has been successful in expanding and updating recruitment activities and materials, and developing employee recognition programs, to name just a few accomplishments.

BOS Response: Matters of YCCESA operations are the responsibility of the executive director and JPA board. As such, the JPA has the responsibility to supervise and choose to take the necessary personnel actions.

02-10 The director should follow the procedures in the employee manual concerning evaluations.

YCCESA has consistently tried to assure compliance with evaluation procedures. Extenuating circumstances (i.e., extended leave or a long-term operational emergency like the anthrax scare this year) may cause an evaluation to be delayed. A process is in place to ensure timely salary increases.

02-11 Equipment needs to be updated to meet present and future demands. The budget should include funds to provide and maintain a standard of safety and to bring the agency into compliance with the 800 megahertz mandate from the Federal Communications Commission.

At a minimum, radio equipment procured by YCCESA has the ability to accommodate 12.5 kilohertz technology. FCC has arranged to replace analog equipment with digital technology by December 31, 2015.

Also, new monitors and radio repairs were made. Regional data devices became functional, and the Board approved a Request for Proposal for a complete radio system replacement. A new 10-year microwave maintenance contract was enacted; a radio console upgrade began in November 2002; and CAD upgrade was completed by August, 2002.

BOS Response: Matters of YCCESA operations and compliance with mandates are the responsibility of the executive director and JPA board. As such, the JPA has the responsibility to develop the course of action needed to bring its equipment into compliance with federal mandates. The County, through its representative on the JPA Board, will participate in the development of YCCESA's plans.

02-12 The 2002-2003 Grand Jury should review the agency to determine if safety and management problems have been adequately addressed.

See Review

Esparto School District

02-13 A standardized method of reviewing spending requests and monitoring expenditures

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should be incorporated into the board's policies and procedures.

Regarding spending requests and the monitoring of expenditures, the district has implemented oversight procedures in accordance with General Acceptable Accounting Procedures (GAAP) as required by the annual state audit. Since May 2002 the Board has been and will continue to review the budget on a monthly basis.

02-14 Budget workshops given by the California School Board Association (CSBA) should be required of all new board members and this requirement should be incorporated into the revised policies and procedures.

To date, the two newly elected board members in last November's election attended a CSBA workshop at their own expense. Standing board members also have attended CSBA conferences. The district will continue to make information available to board members regarding in-service opportunities. Consideration will be given to incorporating requirements into policy.

02-15 The County Board of Education should monitor the Esparto Unified School District budget more closely for the next two years.

The Yolo County Office of Education has granted conditional budget approval to the Esparto Unified School District, and as a result will monitor the District's budget more closely for a period of one to two years, until such time that the budget reaches a level of compliance with state requirements.

02-16 Despite budget problems, it is critical to have staff in key positions. The district should hire clerical staff for the superintendent and fill the empty position in human resources. Having support staff will free the superintendent to devote his time to parents and students, the budget, the school board, and the other outreach necessary for a superintendent new to a community.

The district had difficulty hiring for this position and after increasing the salary, hired a human resource/administrative assistant in early 2003.

02-17 The Board of Trustees and the superintendent should develop additional ways of communicating with the community and with staff. Attending school and community functions is one way of opening informal channels of communication.

Visits to schools and attendance at community events have been taking place. During the 2001-2002 school year, the superintendent has encouraged and will continue to solicit involvement and visits to school and community activities and events by all Board members.

02-18 County Counsel should provide confirmation to the Grand Jury that Board members and the superintendent participated in Brown Act training.

All standing and new Board members have received formal Brown Act training. Board members will be notified of and effort will be made to attend a Brown Act Training Session provided by Yolo County within the next year.

Response from County Counsel: I agree with the intent of this recommendation to assure full compliance with the spirit and intent of the Brown Act. If requested by the Esparto School District Board of Trustees and, if not objected to by present School District Board legal counsel, the County Counsel's office would be willing to provide Brown Act training as recommended by the Grand Jury. However, I respectfully disagree with the recommendation that the County Counsel's office, and not the School District Board's retained legal counsel, must provide the requisite Brown Act training.

02-19 The Board should attend training in communications and board skills, including training provided by the CSBA or Office of Education, to learn to decrease confrontations during meetings. All Board members should attend the free meetings hosted by the County Office of Education to learn from other school trustees ways of communicating with the community and with staff.

The district will continue to make information available to Board members regarding in-service opportunities sponsored by CSBA and/or the Yolo County Office of Education.

02-20 A system of checks and balances would help protect the school district from the type of financial problems it now faces. Since the previous financial advisory committee has been reorganized to serve the superintendent, the Board of Trustees needs its own independent financial advisory group. To help the Board monitor the budget, a new financial advisory committee should be established and trained by (or at the direction of) the Office of Education as part of its oversight of the Esparto School District. The financial advisory committee would be a subcommittee of the Board and would follow Brown Act requirements.

The Yolo County Office of Education is already assigned by the State Department of Education as the district's oversight agent. Therefore, the district does not agree with this recommendation.

YCOE response: The Yolo County Office of Education will provide training to a financial advisory committee, the Board of Education, or any other group, as requested by the Esparto Unified School District.

02-21 The Esparto school board should immediately update its policies and procedures, with a special focus on developing better methods for monitoring the budget. The California School Board Association website includes sample bylaws and suggested procedures for school boards. The Esparto school board should consult this resource when rewriting its policies and procedures. A copy of the revised policies and procedures should be sent to the Grand Jury.

The district has already taken steps to begin a process of updating its policies and procedures. However, as of the end of 2002, the process had not been completed. Consideration will be given to using CSBA's resources depending on the costs to the district. A copy of the district policies and procedures is available at the district office.

Woodland School Construction

02-22 The Woodland Joint Unified School District should improve how it disseminates information; school principals should inform parents about the plans for their schools and ask parent groups or PTA's to help them with community outreach.

Working with site administration, the District is providing print-ready copies of press release information to be included in site newsletters across the District. Additionally, updated information is being provided to the parent representatives at the Superintendent's monthly brown bag lunches. These representatives have been asked to disseminate the information to their parent groups at each school. The school district has been improving its training for employees who present reports at Board meetings and at various organization meetings. The District website also provides a linkage to the Bond Oversight Committee, Boundary Committee and Facilities Department reports and information.

02-23 All district employees should have accurate information about district plans and policies so they can answer parents' questions.

Beginning with a district mailing to all employees that included an update on Measure T, the district has responded to the recommendation by providing accurate information to all school employees so that they will be better able to answer parent and community questions. It is the intention of the district staff to expand the use of community forums, both through the Board and superintendent's forums. The Board of Trustees' teacher forums, Boundary Committee and other community forums, and the notices in the newspapers and through various school-wide communications, have served to address this area of the Grand Jury's recommendation.

02-24 The district should work with local media to publicize school construction projects and provide regular updates.

The district is reviewing the utilization of the WAVE – Public Access Television for public

access through local media to provide regular updated information about the plans and policies of the Woodland Joint Unified School District. In addition, discussions have been held to review the expansion of information disseminated through this medium. The district has actively and aggressively worked with local newspapers to provide weekly opinion editorials and additional articles regarding programs, business practices, district expenditures, and school activities on a regular basis.

Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

02-25 The management office and field personnel should review and upgrade as needed the operations and billing procedures of the district.

Prior to this problem being brought to the district's attention, the district was investigating changing its field record keeping system from a paper based tracking system to a computerized system. The change was proposed to reduce or eliminate human error, to save time and labor, to increase the accessibility of water users' data, and to provide a tool for management to analyze data.

Once this problem was identified, steps were taken to minimize, if not eliminate, the recurrence of this type of situation. The district purchased and implemented use of laptop computers by field personnel, reviewing the new protocols and providing appropriate training. With this technology and its associated management software, discrepancies with water orders should become immediately evident.

Additionally, beginning with the 2002 irrigation season, mid-season water use reconciliation (identifying lands on water users' applications with no record of water use) was instituted.

02-26 The Grand Jury should review district operations for the next two years.

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Yolo County Public Administrator/Guardian

02-27 The Public Guardian's Office should continue to follow the internal control procedures recommended by the outside auditor and to perform random audits of the outside conservatee's accounts.

The Public Guardian's Office has had two thorough audits since discovering embezzlement in the office. An intensive internal audit of our practices and a successful external audit helped us develop increased checks and balance procedures. These changes have been adopted as regular practices and will help prevent another such incident from occurring. The Public Guardian reports that funds have been restored to the client's account.

Davis Cemetery District

02-28 To better comply with the Health and Safety Code and to allow for enforcement of posted rules, the cemetery district should lease its undeveloped land to a public entity, such as the City of Davis, for use as a dog park.

We agree that if cemetery property is going to continue to be used as an 'off-leash' dog park, the property should be leased to the City of Davis or other public entity. The Chair of the District Board sent a letter dated May 9, 2002, to the Mayor of Davis, indicating that the District was interested in exploring the possibility of such a lease. We understand that the matter is under consideration by the City Parks Commission. As of March 2003, the agreement had not been finalized. The staff reports and Parks Commission recommendations can be viewed online at the City of Davis Website.

02-29 The Davis Cemetery District should explore the feasibility of providing separate vehicle access for dog owners at the back of the undeveloped area to reduce traffic near the gravesites.

We agree that it would be desirable to have more direct access to the undeveloped area; however, as far as we are aware, any such access would have to be through privately owned property. Thus, the District has no means to unilaterally implement such access. Further, there would be an issue of where cars would be parked once they enter the Cemetery property.

Yolo Adult Day Health Center

02-30 The Board of Supervisors should explore ways to provide more funds to enable the center to expand and accommodate an increasing and urgent need for its services.

On May 21, 2002, the Board of Supervisors approved a $138,736 construction agreement to expand and modify the Yolo Adult Day Health Center facility. Funding sources: $51,037 from the County's Eldercare Trust Fund; grants $74,424; $36,575 from Woodland Healthcare operational surpluses; $21,900 from Friends of Yolo Adult Day Health Center.

Yolo County Sheriff's Department

02-31 The Sheriff's Department should continue its efforts to fill available positions with qualified applicants and review pay schedules in comparison to other counties within commuting distance.

The Sheriff's Department agrees with this recommendation and has continued to require applicants to meet our standards. Although the Sheriff's Department participates in the negotiating of the correctional officers' memorandum of understanding, its role is only to clarify policy and procedure. It does not have input on salary.

The BOS response: The Board of Supervisors supports the recruitment standards used by the Sheriff's Department. The Board will continue to benchmark with comparable agencies to assist in making informed decisions related to compensation and benefits, and place Yolo County in a competitive position to attract and retain a highly qualified work force.

02-32 A sworn officer, with more training, experience, and judgment than correctional officers, should be present in the jail at all times. It is not realistic to expect that an on-call officer/administrator can respond to an emergency as if he or she were present.

The Sheriff's Department increased the management staff at the jail to two Lieutenants. This allowed a Lieutenant to be available to all of the four shifts. A Compliance Sergeant was also added, which takes the burden of providing training and implementing policy procedures for the shift sergeant, to allow them to closely supervise their shift. Sworn patrol staff are available if needed to respond to the jail 24 hours a day.

BOS Response: The Board of Supervisors concurs with the Sheriff's response in managing jail staff to maintain a safe and secure jail facility for the inmates and county staff.

02-33 The Sheriff should develop work opportunities for women inmates whenever possible to achieve parity with the men.

The Sheriff's Department has added the opportunity for women inmates to work at the Animal Shelter. However, female inmates have always enjoyed the same if not more opportunities to work both inside and outside the jail setting. Some of the areas at which female inmates are allowed to work are the Sheriff's Court Holding Facility, the West Sacramento Police Department and the Sheriff's Cameron Training Facility.

02-34 Maintenance funding must keep pace as the buildings age. The Sheriff and Board of Supervisors should make repairing or replacing unsafe surfaces such as unglued or worn carpet and loose tiles a priority.

The Sheriff's Department has worked closely with the county's Central Services Division to prioritize repairs to the facilities. The Monroe Center is a 24-hour facility and was built in 1988. The facility is still equipped with most of the original fixtures.

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BOS Response: The BOS will continue to work with the Sheriff to assess, prioritize and implement facility improvements in the detention facilities.

02-35 The Sheriff's Department should tighten its controls over visitors to ensure that visitors sign in correctly and meet only those inmates they are authorized to visit.

The Sheriff's Department has modified its professional visit policy to now have staff confirm that the attorney visiting is the inmate's attorney of record. If s/he is not the attorney of record, staff will attempt to notify the attorney of record.

Juvenile Hall

02-36 Salaries at Juvenile Hall should be brought in line with those in comparable counties to reduce turnover.

In the last fiscal year Juvenile Hall counselors were granted equity raises to bring them within 5% of neighboring and comparable counties. While it is difficult for Yolo County to compete dollar-for-dollar with large counties like Sacramento County, the changes made during the last 18 months have closed the gap considerably.

It is also worth noting that salaries are not, in our mind, the sole reason for staff turnover in Juvenile Hall. Being a counselor at Juvenile Hall is a very demanding job that is not suited for everyone. Even in the best case, tenure in this position is not likely to exceed five years before the employee is promoted, transfers to a less stressful assignment within the same classification, or moves on to another organization. Lastly, Yolo County, because of its size, can never provide promotional opportunities and assignment variety that exist in our larger neighbors. The Probation Department recognizes the difficulty inherent in these jobs and makes a conscious effort to promote counselors to other positions in the department.

02-37 The Board of Supervisors should make completing the new facility before 2004 a high priority.

While it would be highly desirable to open the new Juvenile Hall before 2004, it is not feasible to do so. The Board has only recently approved the site plan and general precepts for the new hall. With these in hand the Central Services Division can now charge the architect with development of plans, a process which will likely take four to six months. After the plans, specifications and construction directives are completed by the architect, bids for general and specialty contractors will have to be solicited, evaluated and granted, consuming another several months. Once the general contractor is on board, actual construction is expected to take another six to nine months. The combination of these three phases will, at best, bring us to mid-2004.

Additionally, most of the funds for this facility are being provided by the California Youth and Adult Corrections Agency, which must review and approve each step in the construction process in order for us to receive funding. This adds a month to each phase of the project.

02-38 The Department of Probation should support its teachers' efforts to become fully credentialed.

The Human Resources Division of the Yolo County Office of Education works closely with new hires that are not fully credentialed to ensure they become enrolled in a program leading to a full teaching credential. Dan Jacobs School at Juvenile Hall is currently staffed with two full time teachers and one instructional aide. One teacher is fully credentialed; the other currently holds an emergency credential and is enrolled in the credentialing program at California State University at Sacramento. His anticipated date for completion is the spring semester of 2003.

02-39 The control room in the existing facility should be redesigned so that staff can work facing the monitors.

Mirrors have been installed in the existing facility to facilitate staff's visual access to the monitors while at their workstation. The new facility, scheduled to be completed in December 2004, will have a control room designed as recommended.

02-40 The Department of Probation should arrange with neighboring schools for in-service education for the juvenile hall teaching staff and for sharing instructional materials.

This recommendation will be forwarded to the County Office of Education, which provides the educational component for Juvenile Hall.

YCOE response: The teaching staff at Dan Jacobs School participates in a variety of in-service opportunities. Staff has the opportunity to participate in staff development activities offered by local school districts and universities, private organizations, and the Yolo County Office of Education. The teaching staff has also visited other juvenile court schools in the region. Teachers meet on a monthly basis with other community school teachers who also work with high risk students to participate in staff development activities, learn of new instructional strategies, and to discuss purchase of instructional materials grounded in the state adopted curriculum frameworks and academic standards, and for General Education Development (GED). Our teaching staff also participates in articulation meetings with local district teachers to ensure that our instructional materials meet the needs of our students and are congruent with what is being used in the local schools.

Yolo County Library

02-41 The Yolo County Library should add to its collection of materials in languages other than English and Spanish.

Five hundred thirty books in languages other than English (4%) were added. Most are in Russian, followed by Spanish and Chinese. Media collections and books are especially written for English language learners. The Board of Supervisors supplied $35,000 allocation for media collection.

There was a 10% reduction in the book budget, but the library sustained the number of items added in other languages in greatest demand: Russian, Chinese and Spanish.

02-42 The Board of Supervisors should continue working to have state library funding restored and should consider other ways to fund needed library expansion.

The Board continues to make the restoration of library funding a top priority in its legislation program. It supports pursuit of appropriate and planned library expansion within the County. Supervisors, with the County Librarian as lead staff, intend to work with the communities to find the best funding methods for each situation.

02-43 The county librarian should investigate whether replacing the bookmobile with smaller vans would enable the library to restore service to outlying parts of the county.

It is the operating costs (staff, materials, gas, and maintenance) that are the primary impediment to restoring bookmobile service. A bookmobile's operation costs are much the same as those of a small branch library. On-line services have been added to the existing branches:

1. Off-site access to the library catalog (browse, place holds, renew).
2. 'Infotrac' for magazine articles and health reference and links to library information and other local information sources.
3. All services linked to website <www.yolocounty.org/org/library>.
4. Investigating "e-Branch Library" kiosks—ATM-like workstations providing electronic library services, information access, and return of books in areas lacking easy access to a branch library.

02-44 If bookmobile service is restored, the county librarian should explore whether it is feasible for bookmobiles to carry laptop computers that could be used to access online catalogs.

If/when bookmobile service is restored, the bookmobile will be tied into the library automation system via laptops depending on the technology available at the time.